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TAGS: AMGT, CASC, MDRO, MX
SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP (MEWG)

1. ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1985 AT 1800 EDT THE WORKING GROUP
ESTABLISHED IN THE OPERATIONS CENTER TO DEAL WITH THE
EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO CEASED OPERATIONS.

2. ACTION OFFICES: ALL FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS DEALING
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WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THAT SITUATION SHOULD NOW BE
ADDRESSED TO ARA/MEX, TELEPHONE (202)632-9292.
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO ARA/EX,
TELEPHONE (202)653-9460. CONSULAR MATTERS SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO CA/OCS/EMR, TELEPHONE (202)632-5225. DUTY
OFFICERS FOR THESE OFFICES REMAIN AVAILABLE ON A 24-HOUR
BASIS AND MAY BE REACHED IN EVENING AND NIGHTTIME HOURS
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OPERATIONS CENTER
(202)632-1512.

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3. DISASTER ASSISTANCE MATTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, (202)632-9784. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE IS CONTINUING 24-HOUR OPERATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

4. PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. SHULTZ

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE: SCHOOL/HOSPITAL
RECONSTRUCTION

REF: (A) MEXICO 19802, (B) STATE 296007, (C) MEXICO 19855

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. EXCHANGE ON THE SUBJECT OF GOVERNORS' FUNDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY THE CROSSING OF CABLES, BUT IT IS APPARENT THAT WE AGREE ON DESIREABILITY OF SUGGESTING TO GOVERNORS THAT THEY COLLECT DONATIONS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS DAMAGED IN THE EARTHQUAKE.
3. THE AMERICAN CHMBER OF COMMERCE APPEARS TO US TO BE AN APPROPRIATE AGENT FOR RECEIVING THE FUNDS AND OVERSEEING THEIR DISBURSEMENT, FOR SEVERAL REASONS: IT IS AN ORGANIZATION OF HIGH REPUTE; ITS INVOLVEMENT WILL UNDERSCORE THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FUND; AND IT HAS PARALLEL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE US WHICH CAN
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FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF FUNDS.

4. WITH THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLAYING THE
ROLE OF AGENT, THERE IS NO NEED TO INVOLVE THE MEXICAN
DESK OR ANY USG ENTITY EVEN AS A CONDUIT. A USG ROLE
WOULD OBSCURE THE PRIVATE SECTOR NATURE OF THE PLAN AND,
AS WE NOTED BEFORE, IMPLY USG CONTROL OF THE MONEY.
MOREOVER, IF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS PREPARED
TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS AND CONTROL THEM, THE DESK NEED NOT

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BE INVOLVED AND THE MEXICAN DESK CAN NOT ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MONEE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU INFORM THE GOVERNORS IN YOUR LETTER OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO RECIEVE THE MONEY AND OVERSEE ITS DISBURSEMENT. THE GOVERNORS COULD SEND THEIR CHECKS DIRECTLY TO THE CHAMBER IN MEXICO OR USE LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AS CONDUITS.
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TAGS: AMGT, APER, AFSN
SUBJECT: MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE-FUND FOR ASSISTANCE TO US /
EMPLOYEES ABROAD
REF: MEXICO 20099 (NOTAL)

1. THE FUND FOR ASSISTANCE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
AT OVERSEAS POSTS IS BEING REACTIVATED IN SUPPORT OF
THOSE FSN EMPLOYEES WHO MAY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS
A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO. EMBASSY MEXICO
REPORTS THAT "WE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO
OUR FSNE'S FROM OTHER USG MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD.
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WHILE THE NUMBER OF FSNE'S HERE WHO HAVE SUFFERED
FINANCIAL LOSS IS NOT LARGE, INDIVIDUALLY THEIR LOSSES
ARE CONSIDERABLE."

2. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF DEATH OR SERIOUS
INJURY TO FSNE'S AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES, 15-20 OF
OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES AND BELONGINGS, AND
NEED TEMPORARY LODGING. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN
DONATIONS FROM THE MEXICAN AND AMERICAN EMPLOYEE
ASSOCIATIONS. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENSURE

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EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COLLECTED.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO BE USED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR AS NEEDED AND ARE TAX-DEDLE.

4. INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE SENT (PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE) TO THE DEPARTMENT, DIRECTED TO ARA/EX, ROOM 3260, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, DC 20520. ALTERNATIVELY, CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE DEPOSITED WITH THE POST BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICE CASHIER, TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 19X6875 9941 572906, USING FORM 158 (FORMERLY FS-459). CHECKS DEPOSITED WITH THE CASHIER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY OR CONSULATE AS APPROPRIATE. THE POST B&F OFFICE SHOULD POUCH A COPY OF FORM 158 TO CHARLES KOENEMAN, M/COMP/FO/GAD, ROOM 4705, SA-15, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, DC 20520, AND IN ADDITION SEND A CABLE TO EMBASSY MEXICO AND M/COMP/FO/GAD, LISTING THE DONORS, THE TOTAL AMOUNT AND DATE OF DEPOSIT. SHULTZ

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE: PRESS GUIDANCE

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1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS.

2. Q. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S MEXICO EARTHQUAKE WORKING GROUP SUSPENDED OPERATIONS SEPTEMBER 27. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE CRISIS ENDED?
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A. BY NO MEANS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS SIMPLY MODIFIED THE PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH THE SITUATION TO MEET CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN MEXICO.

OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS REMAIN AVAILABLE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS TO DEAL WITH EARTHQUAKE-RELATED MATTERS. DURING WORKING HOURS THEY MAY BE REACHED AT 202-632-9292. AFTER HOURS THEY MAY BE REACHED THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER,

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202-632-1512.

THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS' CITIZENS EMERGENCY CENTER CONTINUES ITS 24-HOUR AVAILABILITY TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS ON THE WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN MEXICO OR ELSEWHERE ABROAD, AT 202-632-5225.

EARTHQUAKE-RELATED ASSISTANCE XICO IS HANDLED BY THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S OFFICE OF US FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, 202-632-5916, ON A 24-HOUR BASIS.

OUR EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE FURTHER AREAS WHERE WE MAY ASSIST. THE EMBASSY IS AVAILABLE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS TO ASSIST AMERICANS IN MEXICO, TELEPHONE 211-0042.

Q. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS?

A. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY AFTERSHOCKS IN MEXICO SINCE THE MAJOR EARTHQUAKES OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 21. WE HAVE NO UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ANY OF THESE AFTERSHOCKS HAVE CAUSED FURTHER CASUALTIES OR SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY DAMAGE. SHULTZ

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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJ: SITREP 67: SEPTEMBER 28, 6:30 P.M.

RELIEF PRIORITIES

1. AID HAS ESTABLISHED ITS PRIORITIES AS WE ENTER
THE SECOND PHASE OF DISASTER RELIEF. IN ORDER, THEY ARE:

- A. RESPOND TO EMERGENCY NEED FOR WATER IN AFFECTED
NEIGHBORHOODS;

- B. PARTICIPATE IN SELECTED CLEAN-UP AND DEMOLITION
WORK;

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- C. DEMOBILIZE RESCUE CREWS;

- D. REFINE INVENTORY AND FISCAL CONTROLS;

- E. FOLLOW-UP ON TEMPORARY HOUSING NEEDS;

- F. DETERMINE USG ROLE IN COMMUNICATION.

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ACTIVITY OF U.S. DEMOLITION TEAMS

2. ON SEPTEMBER 25, THREE TEAMS BEGAN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE BUILDINGS ALREADY IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL TARGETS FOR "EXPLOSIVE" DEMOLITION. EACH TEAM INCLUDED A U.S. DEMOLITION EXPERT, A U.S. STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF DUPONT DE MEXICO, A MEXICAN ENGINEER, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEXICAN MILITARY. THEY WORKED OUT A "BASIC THINGS TO DO FOR EXPLOSIVE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS" ULE. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT THE U.S. TEAM WOULD WORK AS A SINGLE UNIT WITH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT ELEMENTS.

3. THE FOLLOWING DAY, AFTER NARROWING A LIST OF POTENTIAL AND IMMEDIATE SITES TO ELEVEN BUILDINGS, THE TEAM MET WITH GOM REPRESENTATIVES. THE MEXICANS WANTED TO MOVE MORE QUICKLY THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, THE TWO SETTLED ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, AS THE FIRST SITE DEMOLITION. WITH COORDINATION IN HAND, U.S. TEAM MET THIS MORNING (SEPTEMBER 28) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF USIS TO EXPLAIN THE MORE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THEIR TASK. (DRAFTED BY:GGARLAND)

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - U.S. FOREST SERVICE TEAMS

IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE TEAMS HAVE
COMPLETED THE RESCUE MISSIONS WHICH THEY CAME IN FOR.
PLEASE ARRANGE FOR DEPARTURE OF THE 6 VEHICLES (PICKUP
TRUCKS), 44 MEN AND 2000 LBS OF EQUIPMENT. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: WATER SUPPLY SITUATION REPORT FOR MEXICO CITY.

1. WEHMAN WAS INVOLVED WITH INTENSE DISCUSSIONS AND BRIEFINGS ON 27 SEPTEMBER 85 WITH ING. TOMAS LARA LOPEZ, DIRECTOR OF USER SERVICES (OPERATIONS) FOR THE DIRECCION GENERAL DE CONSTRUCCION Y HIDRAULICA (MEXICO CITY WATER AUTHORITY (578-28-94). SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS AND BRIEFINGS ON 28 SEPTEMBER 1985 WITH ING. IRVING A. LOPEZ RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND FIELD OPERATIONS RESULTED IN WEHMAN HAVING THE FIRST REAL OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND DISCUSS THE OVERALL WATER SUPPLY SITUATION. AS A RESULT OF DAYS OF ATTEMPTS TO GET AT MAPS AND SPECIFIC DATA FROM USERS, WEHMAN HAS FINALLY BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MEXICAN WATER OPERATIONS AUTHORITY AND ALLOWED TO REVIEW DETAILED OPERATIONS MAPS, DISCUSS SPECIFIC OVERALL SITUATIONS AND BE MADE AWARE OF IMMEDIATE, SHORT AND LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS FROM THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES' STANDPOINTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED TO PROVIDE PERSPECTIVE TO THE

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WATER SITUATION IN THE GREATER METRO MEXICO (D.F. AND OTHER AREAS AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE).

2. APPROXIMATELY 20.7 M3//SEC (5400 GAL/SEC OR 325,000 GAL/MIN) IS COMING INTO THE MEXICO CITY AREA IN TOTAL. THIS REPRESENTS MORE OR LESS WITHIN ABOUT 10 OF THE BEEARTHQUAKE FLOWS ACCORDING TO LARA AND LOPEZ. OVER 11.1 M3/SEC (2900 GAL PER SEC OR 174,000 GAL/MIN) COMES FROM RESERVOIRS AND WELLS TO THE WEST OF MEXICO CITY (FROM THE LERMA RESERVOIR SYSTEM AND WELL SYSTEM -

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5.683 M3/SEC AND FROM THE CUTZAMALA RESERVOIR SYSTEM - 6.500 M3/SEC. MOST OF THIS WATER FROM THE WEST IS USED TO SUPPLY WESTERN COMMUNITIES TO THE WEST OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT (D.F.) AND THE WESTERN HALF OF THE D.F. THIS IMPORTANT 126" DIAMETER PIPE SOURCE OF WATER REPRESENTS OVER HALF OF THE WATER COMING INTO THE MEXICO CITY METROPLEX AT THIS TIME.

3. THE OTHER SOURCES INCLUDE 4.407 M3/SEC FROM THE CALMITA WELLS SYSTEM (40 INCHES DIAMETER); 2,506 M3/SEC FROM THE TWO 36" DIAMETER LINE SOURCES AT STA. ISABEL IN THE NORTHEAST; AND TWO 72" DIAMETER INVOLVING 2,695 M3/SEC (ABOUT 700 GALLONS PER SEC OR 42,000 GALLONS PER MINUTE) PIPE LINES COMING FROM THE SOUTH/SOUTHWEST CALLED MIXQUIC XOCITIMILCO XOT.

4. THE MIXQUIC XOCITIMILCO XOT LINE HAD SEVERAL BREAKS ON THE 72 INCH LINE OF WHICH 2-4 MAJOR BREAKS ARE STILL THERE PRECLUDING SUPPLY OF WATER TO OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE AREA SOUTH, SOUTHWEST AND EAST OF THE AIRPORT INCLUDING THE AREAS OF IZTALPALAPA, IZTACALCO, B. JUAREZ, COYOACAN, TLAHUAC AND OTHER SMALL AREAS NORTH/NORTHEAST OF THE AIRPORT. ENGINEER LOPEZ

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EXPLAINED TO WEHMAN IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE REPAIRS TO THE MAIN 72" LINE WOULD TAKE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS MORE AND POSSIBLY 3 WEEKS BECAUSE A MEXICAN ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, WHO MADE THE ORIGINAL PIPE WAS HAVING TO FABRICATE SPECIAL DESTROYED SECTIONS. HE INDICATED THAT EVEN WHEN THEY GET THE 72" LINE FIXED, THEY HAVE NO WAY TO KNOW HOW THE WHOLE SYSTEM WILL REACT, I.E. ALL THE 66, 60, 48, 42, 36, 30, 24, 20, 18, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, AND 1 INCH LINES ON THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE PRINCIPAL CONCERN FOR THE MAIN PIPE SECTIONS THAT VARY FROM 20 INCH DIAMETERS. IF THESE PRINCIPAL SUPPLY MAINS WERE MADE SERVICABLE, SUPPLY OF WATER TO A 2.0 MILLION PERSON POPULATION IN A 60 SQUARE MILE AREA COULD BE MADE MUCH MORE FEASIBLE WITHOUT EXTENSIVE TANK TRUCK OPERATIONS, I.E. DIRECT LOADING OF STATIONARY TANKS FROM OPERATING PIPE LINES.

5. OTHER LINES ARE OUT WHICH NORMALLY FEED THE NEZAHUALCOYOTL AND NORTH AREAS LEAVING WELL OVER A MILLION PEOPLE CURRENTLY OUT OF PIPED WATER IN THESE AREAS. THIS AREA IS IN THE STATE OF MEXICO AND NOT THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. AS WEHMAN UNDERSTANDS IT, THE D.F. NORMALLY PIPES AND SELLS WATER TO THE NEZAHUALCOYOTL AREA. BECAUSE OF THE WATER SHORTAGES IN MUCH OF THE CITY THIS IS NOW NOT BEING DONE. THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS NOW TRYING TO BRING WATER TO THIS REGION THROUGH TANK TRUCK AND 3000 GALLON SWIMMING POOL TYPE

TANKS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO QUOTE DESPERATE UNQUOTE PEOPLE
IN THE AREA. ALREADY 15 EACH 3000 GALLON TANKS HAVE
BEEN SET IN THE STREETS AND ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY 59
TANK TRUCKS AVERAGING 12,000 LITERS. AFTER ONE DAY OF
OPERATIONS, THE MIN. OF AGRICULTURE HAS FOUND THEY ARE
UNABLE TO MEET THE CONSUMER DEMAND ON THE 15 WATER SITES
WITH THE 59 TANK TRUCKS MAKING AN AVERAGE OF 3 TRIPS PER
DAY. THE MIN. OF AGR. IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE

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EFFICIENCY TO THE LEVEL OF 6-10 TRIPS PER DAY AND IS OFFERING DRIVERS INCENTIVES FOR ALL WATER LOADS IN EXCESS OF 4 TRIPS/DAY. THE BOTTLENECK NOW IS THE TRUCK LOADING/UNLOADING WITH VERY SLOW PUMPS CURRENTLY BEING USED AT LOAD POINTS. AID IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO GET BETTER LOW/HIGH VOLUME WATER PUMPS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. AFTER 1 DAY'S OPERATION, 7 OF THE 59 TANK TRUCKS ARE OUT OF ACTION. THE MINISTRY OF AGR. IS INTERESTED IN SETTING UP A CENTRAL TANK TRUCK MAINTENANCE SERVICE CENTER TO MEET THE NEEDS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEYOND ITS NORMAL MAINTENANCE CAPACITY AT THE COMMISSION OF TEXCOCO LAKE HEADQUARTERS FACILITY. WEHMAN AND ENGINEER GRIJALVA OF THE TEXCOCO FACILITY ARE DISCUSSING OPTIONS TO TRUCK MAINTENANCE, BUT WEHMAN NOT OFFERING ANYTHING AT THIS TIME AND MIN. OF AGR. NOT ASKING FOR ANY HELP. WE WILL KNOW IN A FEW DAYS IF MIN. OF AGR. CAN MOBILIZE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO MANAGE
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LOGISTICE MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OR IF THEY WILL NEED SIGNIFICANT HELP.

6. DURING MEETINGS HELD ON 9/28/85 IN THE EVENING,

WEHMAN LEARNED IN CONFIDENCE FROM THE CHIEF PLANNING ENGINEER IN MIN. OF AGR. TEXCOCO STAFF THAT A GROUP MEETING OF MEXICAN WATER EXPERTS FROM AG.F., STATE OF MEXICO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT A LARGE LEAK ON THE HUGE 11.1 M3/SEC LERMA/CUTZAMALA MAIN WATER SUPPLY PIPE LINE FROM THE WEST THAT SUPPLIES MOST OF THE CURRENT MEXICO CITY POPULATION OF 18 MILLION PERSONS. THIS LINE COMES IN AND SPLITS TO A 126 INCH DIAMETER AND 98 INCH DIAMETER LINE BEFORE ENTERING MEXICO CITY. WEHMAN UNDERSTOOD IN AN ENGLISH CONVERSATION WITH THE MIN. OF AGR. ENGINEER THAT THEY WERE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A 10 LEAK IN THE PIPELINE AT A PARTICULAR CRACK OR BREAK CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE BREAK/CRACK MIGHT WIDEN AND EVENTUALLY FAIL ALTOGETHER RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF A SIGNIFICANT REPEAT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WATER TO THE MEXICO CITY METRO AREA. ----THIS WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE BEING OUT OF WATER AND CAUSE SEVERE DISRUPTION OF RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.-- THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT IS NOT TO CREATE A PANIC OR SENSATIONALIZE BUT TO ALERT THE OFDA OF A POSSIBLE SEVERE THREAT TO MEXICO CITY NOT HERETOFORE DISCUSSED. WEHMAN WILL MAKE SUBTLE INQUIRIES ON THE SITUATION ON 9/29/85 TO ASCERTAIN MORE FACTS IN THE SITUATION OF POSSIBLE AND REPORT ASAP.

7. WEHMAN SPENT SEVERAL DAYS GETTING CLOSE TO MEXICAN WATER OFFICIALS TO CAREFULLY DEVELOP THEIR CONFIDENCE. HE IS NOW WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE OPERATIONS GROUP OF SECRET

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BOTH THE MIN. OF AGR. AND THE MEXICO CITY WATER AUTHORITY (DG COH). TO DATE AS A RESULT OF MANY DISCUSSIONS, WEHMAN HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION OF ASSISTANCE BEING REQUESTED BY THE MEXICAN WATER AUTHORITIES TO ANY BILATERAL OR MULTI-LATERAL DONORS OTHER THAN THE U.S. EMERGENCY WATER TEAM REPRESENTING THE U.S. GOVT. WEHMAN HAS NOT MET ANY OTHER BILATERAL OR MULTI-LATERAL DONOR WATER TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES IN ANY OF THE MANY MEETINGS OR VISITS TO THE MEXICAN WATER AUTHORITIES. WEHMD HIS TEAM HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DAILY OPERATIONS ASSESSMENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE D.F. DGCOH AND THE MIN. OF AGRICULTURE TEXCOCO EMERGENCY WATER OPERATIONS FACILITY. GAVIN

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1. PER REASONS STATED REFTEL, PLEASE EXPEDITE THE
PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- WATER PUMP, 3 INCH, WITH 200 FEET INTAKE AND
- DISCHARGE HOSE, 47 EACH
- WATER PUMP, 4 INCH, WITH 200 FEET INTAKE AND
- DISCHARGE HOSE, 24 EACH
- OFDA WATER PURIFICATION UNITS, 2 EACH
- TRAINING STAFF FOR WATER PURIFICATION UNITS, 2 EACH
- PLEASE AUTHORIZE USE OF FUND SITE GIVEN FOR LOCAL
- PURCHASE OF WATER PUMPS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2 WATER
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- PUMPS 150/175 GAL/MIN.

2. THIS REQUEST IS IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST BY GOM
OFFICIALS MENTIONED REFTEL. AID CONCURS. B. MOSS.
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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX
SUBJ: SITREP 68: SEPTEMBER 29, 11:00 A.M.

RESCUE OPERATIONS

1. DURING THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 28, THE DADE COUNTY TEAM WORKED AT THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL SITE. NOTHING TO REPORT. NO OTHER OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED.
2. FOR TODAY, THE DADE COUNTY TEAM WILL BE BACK AT THE JUAREZ SITE. WE HAVE NO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR THEM.
3. THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TV CREW WILL ALSO BE AT THE JUAREZ SITE. WE HAVE NO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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4. THE FLYING DOCTORS WILL BE WITH THE MEXICAN RED CROSS SETTING UP A MEDICAL STATION AT THE CLOTHING FACTORY ON SAN ANTONIO STREET.
5. THE FOREST SERVICE CREWS ARE ON STANDBY. THEY ARE LEAVING TODAY WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT ON COMMERCIAL AIRLINES.

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6. THREE RESCUE TEAMS FROM THE SACRAMENTO FIRE (OES) DEPARTMENT ARE ON STANDBY. THEY PLAN TENTATIVELY TO LEAVE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. THEY ARE LEAVING THEIR EQUIPMENT VALUED AT ABOUT USDOLS 10,000 WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

7. SEATTLE PARAMEDIC TEAMS (5 UNITS)

- --3 UNITS ARE STAFFING THE SALVATION ARMY CLINIC;
- --2 MOBILE UNRE ON STANDBY.

8. THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. TEAMS IS RAPIDLY DECLINING.

U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM

9. THE U.S. DEMOLITION TEAM IS ON STANDY TODAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

10. A C-141 WITH A PRIMARY CARGO OF 3,000 ONE-GALLON COLLAPSIBLE WATER TANKS ARRIVED SEPTEMBER 28 AT 2145 HOURS.

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11. AN OFDA CHARTERED CARGO PLANE (FLORIDA AIR) CARRYING 20,000 - 2 AND ONE-HALF GALLON WTER JUGS ARRIVED AT 0700 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 29.

12. THE C-141 DUE TO ARRIVE EMPTY ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT 1345 HOURS TO CARRY OUT ONE FORESTRY RESCUE TEAM OF 20 PERSONS WILL PROBABLY BE CANCELED AND A C5A SUBSTITUTED TO ARRIVE AT SOME LATER TIME. SOME FORESTRY VEHICLES WILL FIT INTO A C5A BUT NOT ONTO A C-141. THE C5A WOULD ALSO TAKE OUT THE MAC ALCE TEAM.

13. A C-141 CARRYING PUMPS, HOSES, AND WATER PURIFICATION UNITS IS DUE TO ARRIVE MIDNIGHT, SEPTEMBER 29.

14. A C-130 IS DUE TO ARRIVE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 1300 HOURS CARRYING 40,000 POUNDS OF FOOD.

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - SITREP 69:
- 1600, SEPTEMBER 29, 1985

1. RESCUE OPERATIONS

THE DADE COUNTY TEAM REMAINS AT THE JUAREZ HOSPITAL SITE.

2. STATUS OF OTHER FOREIGN RESCUE TEAMS

BRITISH (INFRARED SENSITIVE): INACTIVE; DEPARTURE DATE
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- NOT YET DETERMINED.

ISRAELI (SEISMIC): ETD WEDNESDAY (UNCONFIRMED)

GERMAN: ALL GONE (ACCORDING TO GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS)

ITALIAN: NO CONTACT

FRENCH: PULLING EXCAVATORS OUT TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT;
- DOGS HAVE DEPARTED

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SWISS: NO CONTACT

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VENEZUELAN: SOME STILL WORKING AT JUAREZ AND SOME HAVE
PULLED OUT

SPANISH: STILL WORKING

3. WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS REQUESTS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED 1520 WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS REQUESTS
UP THROUGH 1500 SEPTEMBER 29 BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

- PHONE REQUESTS FROM DEPT TASK FORCE: 500
- SPECIAL LISTS HAND CARRIED FROM
WASHINGTON: 420
- REQUON DEPT CABLES: 600
- TOTALS 1,520

EMBASSY IS OBTAINING POSITIVE RESPONSES ON OVER TWO-THIRDS
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OF REQUESTS. THESE POSITIVE RESPONSES ARE INCLUDED IN A
TOTAL OF 7,300 VERIFICATIONS RESULTING FROM PHONE-INS AND
EMBASSY CHECKS.
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TAGS: AEMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX

SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 70-OBJECTIVES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30

1. IN A MEETING AT 0800 THIS MORNING, AID AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS SET OBJECTIVES FOR THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 30). THE RELIEF EFFORT HAS MOVED INTO A DIFFERENT PHASE, PAST THE EMERGENCY STAGE IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE NOW RESOLVING MANY ROUTINE DETAILS.

2. OFDA'S TEAM NOW IS PLAYING A LIMITED AND DIFFERENT ROLE FROM THE REGULAR EMBASSY STAFF. IT NOW SEEMS THAT NO MORE THAN TWO WEEKS OF OPERATIONS REMAIN, DEPENDING ON GOM REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT. MEANWHILE, THE EMBASSY'S RELIEF COORDINATION HAS MOVED INTO ONE ROOM, THE FIRST FLOOR
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CONFERENCE ROOM.

3. AN UPDATE ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOLLOWS:

- A. WATER: A C-5 AIRCRAFT WITH WATER EQUIPMENT ARRIVES TODAY.

- B. RETURN OF STOCKS: WE HAVE AN EXCESS OF MATERIALS PURCHASED FROM LOCAL MEXICAN VENDORS. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO RETURN IT TO THEM FOR FULL CREDIT.

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- C. DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL: WNOT TO HAVE A SUPPLY WAREHOUSE BY WEDNESDAY, EXCEPT FOR INCOMING WATER MATERIALS.
- D. DEMOLITION: WE HAVE A POLICY OF WATCHFUL WAITING TO SEE WHAT --IF ANYTHING-- THE GOM REQUESTS. PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID HAS PROHIBITED THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS FOR THE TIME BEING TO GIVE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR THE RESCUE OF SURVIVORS.
- E. RETURN OF TEAMS: RESCUE TEAMS ARE BEGINNING TU RETURN TO THE U.S.
- F. BUDGET AND FISCAL: WE ARE MAKING DETERMINATIONS TODAY UNDER THE DIRECTION OF AN AID WASHINGTON OFFICER.
- G. HOUSING: EXCELLENT SHAPE.
- H. PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS: WE RECOGNIZE THAT THEY ARE BEST WHEN LEFT ALONE, EXCEPT FOR US TO KEEP TRACK OF THEIR WORK.
- I. HEAVY EQUIPMENT: WE ARE TRYING TO SEE IF

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AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL AND/OR PRIVATE SOURCES IN U.S.A. WE EXPECT NO PROBLEMS. (DRAFTED: ECP:GGARLAND). GAVIN

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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: AFMR, EAID, AMGT, USIA, MX
SUBJECT: DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM EASTERN BLOC
- COUNTRIES

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS
AND TO INFORMATION FROM WAREHOUSE OPERATORS,
EASTERN BLOC COUNTRIES HAVE CONTRIBUTED
BETWEEN 60 AND 70 TONS OF SUPPLIES TO MEXICO'S
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT. EMBASSY HAS NOT
CONFIRMED THESE SHIPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

3. EMBASSY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
ON CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EASTERN BLOCK COUNTRIES
FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS AND FROM WAREHOUSE
OPERATORS. EMBASSY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT
CONFIRMED THESE SHIPMENTS.

4. AS OF SEPTEMBER 27, THE FOLLOWING
ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN SENT TO MEXICO FROM
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EASTERN BLOC NATIONS.

--USSR - 2 PLANE LOADS OF MEDICINES AND
- MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS FOR SHELTER VICTIMS.
- APPROX. 52 TONS.

--CUBA - 12.8 TONS OF MEDICINES, TRANSFUSION
- EQUIPMENT, PLASMA, TYPHOID AND TETANUS
- VACCINES, AND SANITATION MATERIALS. THEY
- ALSO HAVE 91 TECHNICIANS. COMMENT: EARLY
- REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE GOM HAD
- DECLINED CUBAN OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE. END COMMENT

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--HUNGARY - 100 TENTS HAVE ARRIVED.

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5. OTHER COUNTRIES REPORTING ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO INCLUDE: NICARAGUA, POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. NO INFORMATION ON TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WAS AVAILABLE.

6. ABOVE COUNTRIES HAVE RECEIVED VERY LITTLE PUBLICITY ON THEIR ASSISTANCE. ANY INFORMATION IS USUALLY BURIED IN THE END OF AN ARTICLE ON INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

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7. APPROXIMATELY 43 COUNTRIES HAVE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO. THOSE MOST OFTEN MENTIONED IN THE PRESS INCLUDE:

- UNITED STATES	JAPAN	FRANCE
- COLOMBIA	BRAZIL	GERMANY
- VENEZUELA	SPAIN	AUSTRALIA

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OTHERS INCLUDE:

- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	PERU
- HOLLAND	ITALY
- ISRAEL	SWITZERLAND ARGENTINA
- ECUADOR	ALGERIA PARAGUAY
- DENMARK	TURKEY THE VATICAN

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SUBJ: SITREP 71: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE: CORRECTION
- OF SITREP CLASSIFICATIONS

1. SITREP 66, "MEXICO EARTHQUAKE SITUATION"; SITREP 67, "SEPTEMBER 28, 6:30 P.M."; AND SITREP 68, SEPTEMBER 29, 1100 A.M." ARE NOW CLASSIFIED RESPECTIVELY AS SITREPS 66A, 67A, AND 68A.

2. SITREP 66, "MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - SEPTEMBER 27 MEDIA SUMMARY"; SITREP 67, "MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - ROLE OF EMBASSY IN TRANSMITTING MESSAGES FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS"; AND SITREP 68, "MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - SEPTEMBER 27 STATUS REPORT" REMAIN AS ORIGINALLY CLASSIFIED. PLEASE EXCUSE THE CONFUSION.

3. THE EMBASSY COORDINATED RESCUE EFFORTS WILL STOP AT 1900, SEPTEMBER 30. SOME GROUPS, NONETHELESS, MAY CONTINUE TO WORK ON THEIR OWN. (DRAFTED:GGARLAND)

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SUBJ: SITREP 72: PRESS SUMMARY - MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. MOST MEXICO CITY DAILIES REPORT THAT 100 FOREIGN AIRCRAFT HAVE ARRIVED IN MEXICO BRINGING ASSISTANCE FROM OVER 40 COUNTRIES.

EXCELSIOR (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC) NOTES THAT MOST OF THIS ASSISTANCE HAS COME FROM THE U.S. THREE MAJOR DAILIES QUOTE INTERIOR (GOBERNACION) SECRETARY MANUEL BARTLETT REPORTING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS GATHERED ONE BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION FUND.

2. THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMISSION OFFICIAL TOLL IS: 5,500 DEATHS, 30,000 WOUNDED, 3,500 MISSING (OF WHICH 2,000 PROBABLY ARE STILL UNDER THE RUBBLE), AND 40,000 HOMELESS. THE METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY COMMISSION REPORTED THAT CURRENT PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE THE RESCUE OF PERSONS AND BODIES, AND THE DEMOLITION OF THOSE BUILDINGS THAT REPRESENT A SECURITY THREAT. THE COMMISSION AND PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT NO EXPLOSIVES OR HEAVY MACHINERY WOULD BE USED

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IF THESE ENDANGER "THE POSSIBILITY OF RESCUING A HUMAN BEING ALIVE." THE TEXT OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMISSION IS CARRIED BY EL NACIONAL (OFFICIAL) AND EL DIA (MARXIST-ORIENTED).

3. MOST DAILIES EXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY BERNARDO SEPULVEDA REPORTING AT THE UN THAT THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS IN MEXICO CITY IS EXPECTED TO BE FRUITFUL. EL DIA QUOTES HIM AS SAYING THAT DURING HIS WORKING TOUR THROUGH THE U.S. HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY

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"THE ENORMOUS (U.S.) SYMPATHY TOWARD MEXICO ON OCCASION OF ITS TRAGEDY."

4. TFESO MAGAZINE (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC) COLUMNIST JORGE CASTANEDA SAYS THAT "NEVER BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE HAD MEXICO BEEN GIVEN SO MUCH SPACE, TIME OR ATTENTION IN THE U.S. MEDIA... THE INFORMATION (OR SENSATIONALISTIC) WAVE WAS CLEARLY CHARACTERIZED AT FIRST BY THREE ISSUES: THE MIGUEL DE LA MADRID ADMINISTRATION'S RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE; THE SOLIDARITY OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE BEFORE THEIR TRAGEDY, AND, AS NOTHING IS FREE, THE THIRD ISSUE ALL FOREIGN AND SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS INSISTED ON WERE THE PROBLEMS OF CORRUPTION, UNRELIABILITY AND INCOMPETENCE OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. ALL OF THEM LINKED MEXICO'S DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE NICARAGUAN EARTHQUAKE OF 1972, FOLLOWED BY THE SCANDAL OF SOMOZA'S CORRUPTION, THE REVOLUTION AND THE SUBSEQUENT U.S.-NICARAGUAN PROBLEM. WAS IT GOING TO HAPPEN THE SAME IN MEXICO? THUS, MEXICO'S IMAGE ABROAD IS STILL SUFFERING... HOWEVER, AS MEXICANS, WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE IMAGE PRESENTED BY OUR PEOPLE, NOT BY OUR GOVERNMENT. IF SUCH AN IMAGE IS FALSE AND DISTORTED, WHY IS THE U.S. MEDIA DOING THIS AND WHY IS OUR GOVERNMENT

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ALLOWING IT?"

5. HERALDO (CONSERVATIVE) COLUMNIST EZIO CUSI HIGHLIGHTS THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO MEXICO BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND PARTICULARLY NOTES THAT "IT IS OF ELEMENTARY JUSTICE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE DONATIONS COMES FROM OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR, WHO IS NOT ONLY PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE HAD THE EXQUISITE GESTURE OF SENDING US THE FIRST LADY, TO WITNESS OUR TRAGEDY AND COMFORT OUR PEOPLE."

6. LA PRENSA (POPULAR-APPEAL TABLOID) COLUMNIST SALVADOR MINJARES ALSO REFERS TO MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT AND SAYS: "DESPITE THE FACT THAT FOR MANY YEARS U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN CONTROVERSIAL AND DIFFICULT, EVEN MORE COMPLICATED THAN AMONG ANY OTHER NEIGHBORS... AND HAVE MADE PRESIDENT REAGAN A NOT VERY POPULAR PERSON IN MEXICO, AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, NOTHING SHOULD PREVENT US FROM ACKNOWLEDGING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GESTURE OF HIS WIFE AND PRAISE IT: NANCY REAGAN CAME HERE WHEN MEXICO WAS STILL UNDERGOING TREMORS. HER PRESENCE WAS SOLELY AIMED AT EXPRESSING HER AND HIS HUSBAND'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO. IT WAS NOT ONLY A RITUAL OF ASSISTANCE AND MESSAGES... SHE CAME DOWN EVEN WHEN THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HER TO SEE THE TRAGEDY OR UNDERGO CERTAIN RISK. WE, MEXICANS, SHOULD ALWAYS

APPRECIATE SUCH GESTURE AND BE TRULY THANKFUL FOR WHAT IT REPRESENTS."

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OWING TO EXTENSIVE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT MEXICO CITY, INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND RECORDS REPOSITORIES, EFFORTS TO CONTINUE CASE INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE SLOWED DOWN FOR AT LEAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS. ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS IN AS TIMELY A FASHION AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN CURRENT CONDITIONS.
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SUBJECT: SITREP NO 72

1. AT 1900 TODAY MEXICO CITY TIME THE EMBASSY FORMAL
RESCUE COORDINATION EFFORTS WILL OFFICIALLY END. MOST
U.S. RESCUE SPECIALISTS HAVE IN FACT ALREADY DEPARTED.
THOSE PVOS WHO REMAIN WILL WORK ON THEIR OWN IN
CONNECTION WITH THE GOM.

2. TODAY THE U.S. FORESTRY SERVICE TEAM, THE TV RESCUE
CREWS, AND THE VARIOUS CALIFORNIA RESCUE CREWS
DEPARTED MEXICO CITY.

3. THE PARAMEDICS FROM SEATTLE (WHO ARE ESTABLISHING A
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WALK-IN CLINIC IN A DEVASTATED NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE
OPERATED BY MEXICANS) WILL DEPART FROM HERE THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 3, AND THE DADE COUNTY RESCUE TEAM WILL DEPART
MEXICO CITY TOMORROW. GAVIN

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E.O. 12356:N/A
TAGS: CASC
SUBJECT: CASUALTY LIST " MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

1. PLEASE URGENTLY PROVIDE DEPARTMENT (SLUGGED FOR
CA/OCS/EMR) AN UPDATED LIST OF AMCIT CASUALTIES. LIST
SHOULD BE BROKEN DOWN INTO:

(1) NAMES OF CONFIRMED DEAD - AMCIT BODIES RECOVERED AND
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AND AMCITS FORMALLY DECLARED DEAD
BY APPROPRIATE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.

(2) NAMES OF MISSING - AMCITS EMBASSY HAS REASON TO
BELIEVE ARE PROBABLY DECEASED. STATE REASONS.

(3) NAMES OF INJURED - AMCITS INJURED IN THE EARTH QUAKE
- GIVE STATUS OF CASES.

2. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE CONFLICTING FIGURES OF UP TO
28 DEAD. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY. SHULTZ

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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: CASC, CFED, MX
SUBJECT: RELAY OF TWO LETTERS TO MEXICAN POSTAL
OFFICIALS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 30, ARA/MEX RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE US POSTMASTER GENERAL, US POSTAL SERVICE A REQUEST
DATED SEPTEMBER 25 THAT FOLLOWING TWO MESSAGES BE
CONVEYED BY THE EMBASSY TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT
ADDRESSEES.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF FIRST LETTER:

SR. FILIBERTO CEPEDA TIJERINA
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POSTS
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF POSTS
MEXICO 73, D.F.
MEXICO

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY FOR THE
VICTIMS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE, AND FOR ALL MEXICAN
PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THIS EXTREMELY TRAGIC EVENT. PLEASE
BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST YOUR
ADMINISTRATION IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN DURING THIS VERY
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DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR YOUR COUNTRY.

WE HAVE SENT A COMMUNICATION TO MR. VIGILIO OLAN ADVISING
HIM THAT WE CONTINUE TO DISPATCH MAIL TO YOUR
ADMINISTRATION USING EXISTING FLIGHTS AND ROUTINGS, AND
REQUESTING THAT HE ADVISE US, IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER YOUR
ADMINISTRATION WISHES THAT THIS MAIL BE DIVERTED TO OTHER
POINTS WITHIN MEXICO. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR
ADMINISTRATION MAY USE UNITED STATES POSTAL EQUIPMENT FOR
DISPATCHES TO THE UNITED STATES.

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AGAIN, WE WISH YOU THE BEST AS YOU REBUILD FROM THE EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY.

SINCERELY,

PAUL N. CARLIN
POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEECOND LETTER:

MR. VIRGILIO OLAN ARIAS
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND SERVICES
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF POSTS
MEXICO 73, D.F.
MEXICO

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE, AND FOR ALL MEXICAN PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGIC EVENT.
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THE US POSTAL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO DISPATCH MAIL TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION USING EXISTING FLIGHTS AND ROUTINGS. PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU WISH MAIL DIVERTED TO OTHER POINTS WITHIN MEXICO. YOUR ADMINISTRATION MAY USE UNITED STATES POSTAL EQUIPMENT FOR DISPATCHES TO THE UNITED STATES.

REGARDS.

KENNETH W. MCFADDEN
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER
INTERNATIONAL MAIL PROCESSING DIVISION
US POSTMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RELAY ABOVE MESSAGES TO THE GOM ADDRESSES.
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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SENV, MX
SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DATA

1. UP TO 12 NOON SEPTEMBER 30 LOCAL TIME, UNAM HAD RECORDED A TOTAL OF 71 AFTERSHOCKS SINCE MAJOR QUAKE OF SEPTEMBER 19. STRONGEST AFTERSHOCK WAS RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 20 AT 1938 LOCAL TIME. THE MAGNITUDE WAS 7.3 ON THE RICHTER SCALE AND WAS FELT IN MEXICO CITY WITH AN INTENSITY OF VI ON THE MERCALLI SCALE. OTHER MAJOR AFTERSHOCKS OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 25 AT 0144 AND SEPTEMBER 27 AT 0517 AND AT 2153 LOCAL TIME. THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE WAS 5.5, 5.5, AND 5.6 ON THE RICHTER SCALE RESPECTIVELY. INTENSITY OF THESE WAS IV, III, AND IV ON THE MERCALLI SCALE.

2. OF THE 71 AFTERSHOCKS RECORDED SINCE MAJOR QUAKE OF SEPTEMBER 19, ONLY THREE WERE RECORDED DURING PERIOD OF PAST 24 HOURS. THE MAGNITUDE OF THESE LAST THREE AFTERSHOCKS WAS LESS THAN 3.7 ON THE RICHTER SCALE.
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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 73

1. AS OF 0900 TODAY (OCTOBER 10) ONLY ONE OFFICIALLY FUNDED U.S. EMERGENCY GROUP (FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA) REMAINS IN MEXICO CITY. THAT GROUP WILL RETURN TOMORROW. OTHER TEAMS CONTINUE TO DEPART, AS REPORTED IN SITREP 72.

2. AN UPDATE OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE RELIEF EFFORT FOLLOWS:

A. WATER: POTENTIALLY SEVERE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS. AT THE MOMENT, AN AVERAGE OF FIFTY-FIVE TRUCKS CARRYING UNCLASSIFIED

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THREE-THOUSAND GALLON CANS COVER THREE ROUTES PER DAY. IDEALLY, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (CHARGED WITH WATER MANAGEMENT) WOULD HAVE AT LEAST TWELVE HUNDRED TRUCKS. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET THIS NEED. ON A POSITIVE SIDE, THIS MORNING WE WILL BEGIN OPERATION OF TWO WATER PURIFICATION PLANTS TO TREAT LAKE WATER. THE CITY GOVERNMENT WILL MANAGE THESE PLANTS AND OTHER TEMPORARY SITES WHICH WILL SERVE HIGHLY CONGESTED AREAS CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED, FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE.

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B. DEMOLITION MOST FRUSTRATING ACTIVITY (OR LACK THEREOF). THE MEXICAN MILITARY DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT TO COOPERATE WITH OUR DEMOLITION PEOPLE FOR A NUMBER OF POLITICAL AND PRAGMATIC REASONS. IF THE UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE CONTINUES TODAY, THE DEMOLITION EXPERTS WILL GO HOME AS SOON AS TOMORROW.

C. COMMUNICATIONS: RADIO EQUIPMENT WILL LEAVE THURSDAY, AT WHICH TIME ALL COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE BY TELEPHONE.

D. HEAVY EQUIPMENT: LARGE AMOUNTS ARRIVED LAST NIGHT FROM CALIFORNIA VIA RAILROAD. (DRAFTED:GGARLAND)
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TAGS: AEMER, EAID, MX
SUBJECT: MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE

TO: HONORABLE CHARLES S. ROBB
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

DEAR GOVERNOR ROBB:

I ADDRESS YOU REGARDING THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE SUFFERED
BY MEXICO. OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE AND HELP FROM THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE TRULY GRATIFYING. WE
ARE PROUD OF OUR COMPATRIOTS.

AS THE IMMEDIATE RESCUE EFFORTS WIND DOWN, MEXICO MUST
CONFRONT THE NEED FOR A LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF
RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION. ONE IMPORTANT
REQUIREMENT THAT ALREADY HAS BEEN DEFINED IS THE
REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS.

SOME OF OUR STATES HAVE ALREADY MADE COMMITMENTS TO
HELP. ONE GOVERNOR HAS PLEDGED THAT HIS STATE WILL
RAISE AS MANY DOLLARS AS HE HAS CONSTITUENTS. IF THE
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GOOD PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE
RELIEF MEASURES I WOULD SUGGEST YOU ASK THEM TO MAKE
CASH DONATIONS TO THE "FUND FOR MEXICAN SCHOOL AND
HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION" AND THAT YOU COLLECT THE
CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH YOUR OFFICE. THE AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MEXICO HAS AGREED TO ADMINISTER
THE PROCEEDS. MY OFFICE WOULD BE PLEASED TO FORWARD
YOUR STATE'S CHECK TO THEM OR TO PUT YOU OR YOUR
DESIGNEE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR OFFICERS.
SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS (OR PORTIONS THEREOF) ARE TO

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BEAR PLAQUES SIGNIFYING DONOR STATES. THIS
GENEROSITY TO OUR FRIENDS IN MEXICO WILL NOT ONLY
SIGNAL OUR CONCERN FOR HBOR'S WELFARE BUT WILL
ALSO HELP TO CEMENT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO
NATIONS.

MY THANKS AND THAT OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE AMERICAN
MISSION IN MEXICO TO YOU AND THE CITIZENS OF
VIRGINIA. SINCERELY, JOHN GAVIN.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
GAVIN

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DEPT PLEASE PASS TO FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:
RICHARD KRIMM
ALSO FOR OFDA

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SENV, PREL, MX
SUBJECT: U.S.-MEXICO NATURAL DISASTERS AGREEMENT:
APPLYING THE LESSONS OF THE EARTHQUAKE

1. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE AWARE, THE U.S.-GOM AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTERS COVERS, INTER ALIA, U.S.-GOM JOINT PLANNING FOR AN EARTHQUAKE IN THE SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA AREA. RECENTLY, WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY ENERGIZING THE GOM TO KEEP UP THE PACE ON THE PLANNING AND OTHER EXERCISES UNDER THE AGREEMENT DUE TO PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN THE GOM. WE EXPECT THE EVENTS OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN MEXICO CITY WILL HAVE REFOCUSSED THE GOM'S ATTENTION ON DISASTER PLANNING. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE BOTH THE U.S. AND THE GOM SHOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY SOME OF THE PAINFULLY ACQUIRED EXPERIENCE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT TO OTHER SITES WITH A HIGH PROBABILITY FOR MAJOR SEISMIC ACTIVITY, SUCH

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AS SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA. FINALLY, AT LEAST SOME IN THE GOM APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BEYOND THE BORDER AREA. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT THIS WOULD BE A LOGICAL STEP. OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT IS THAT LIVES ANDLE TIME WERE LOST HERE BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF A PRE-EXISTING MEANS TO COORDINATE DISASTER RELIEF WITH THE GOM.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, EMBASSY REQUESTS THE VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES ON THE FOLLOWING

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SUGGESTIONS:

-- THE DISPATCH TO MEXICO CITY, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOM, OF A HIGH LEVEL TEAM FROM FEMA, OFDA, OR OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOM THE LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE SEPT. 19-20 EARTHQUAKES.

-- DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE COORDINATORS OF THE U.S.-GOM NATURAL DISASTERS AGREEMENT ON A POSSIBLE REVAMPING OF THE TASKS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT IN LIGHT OF THE GOM'S EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO CITY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOM MAY BE CONSIDERING THE CREATION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS AND AT LEAST SOME IN THE GOM APPEAR TO BELIEVE AN INSTITUTIONAL OVERHAUL OF THE MEXICAN EMERGENCY APPARATUS IS IN ORDER. (COMMENT: WE WOULD NOTE THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED TO US OFFICIALLY AND MAY NOT BE THE FINAL VIEW OF THE GOM. END COMMENT.)

-- WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION TO COVER A LARGER AREA. (DRAFTED:JDETHOMAS) GAVIN

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1. UNAM REPORTS HAVING RECORDED TWO AFTERSHOCKS IN PAST
24 HOURS TO 12 NOON LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF AFTERSHOCKS
WAS LESS THAN 3.7 ON RICHTER SCALE. (TOTAL OF 73
AFTERSHOCKS SINCE MAJOR QUAKE OF SEPT. 19.) (SSOTO)
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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE SITREP 74 -
MEDIA REACTION OCTOBER 1

1. THE MEXICAN MEDIA CONTINUES TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO EARTQUAKE-RELATED ISSUES HIGHLIGHTING TODAY, 10/01, PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID'S REMARK THAT MEXICO HAS INITIATED TALKS WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS TO NEGOTIATE AND WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS (OBVIOUSLY WITH REGARD TO MEXICO'S DEBT PROBLEM). THEY ALSO REPORT THAT THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT CREATED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CAUSES OF THE EARTHQUAKE AND TO PROPOSE CIVILIAN DEFENSE PROGRAMS THAT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, SUCH AS NATURAL DISASTERS.

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2. SEVEN MAJOR MEXICO CITY DAILIES QUOTE AMBASSADOR GAVIN AS SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST MEXICO WITHOUT EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN BECAUSE SUCH ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN AS "GOOD FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND BROTHERS." THE AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTED THAT AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE ASSISTANCE IS BEING KEPT AND THAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE ASSISTANCE BE USED FOR ITS I PURPOSE.

3. SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS CARRY A TWO-PAGE REPORT BY THE
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EMERGENCY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION OUTLINING THE PROBLEMS AND MEASURES UNDERTAKEN TO SOLVE THEM IN THE SEPTEMBER 19-29 PERIOD. THE REPORT INDICATES THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AMOUNTS TO 93 SHIPMENTS FROM 26 COUNTRIES.

4. THERE IS VERY SCARCE INFORMATION IN THE MEDIA ON CASUALTIES. EL UNIVERSAL (NATIONALISTIC) IS THE ONLY NEWSPAPER TO TOUCH THE SUBJECT SAYING THAT 300 DEAD BODIES WERE TAKEN FROM THE RUBBLE IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, THUS BRINGING THE DEAD TOLL TO 7,000. HOWEVER, OTHER NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT THE NUMBER OF BODIES PULLED FROM THE RUBBLE IS AS LOW AS 26. (EL UNIVERSAL IS THE NEWSPAPER THAT HAS REPORTED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IN THE MEXICAN MEDIA.)

5. EXCELSIOR (LEFTIST-NATIONALISTIC) CARRIES A COLUMN BY MARTIN LUIS GUZMAN FERRER PRAISING THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO MEXICO, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE UNITED STATES --EMPHASIZING MRS. REAGAN'S TRIP TO MEXICO.

6. THE COLUMNIST SAYS THAT "MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT TO MEXICO WAS NOTEWORTHY. AFTER THE TRAGEDY, ...THE UNITED STATES WAS PRESENT. SHE CAME TO HELP MEXICO WITH A HELPING HAND, UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH SENSITIVITY AND WITHOUT FANFARE. PRESIDENT REAGAN --WITH ALL ELECTORAL PRESSURES ABSENT-- IS DETERMINED NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE --SOMETHING HIS COUNTRY HAS ALREADY SUBSTANTIALLY DONE--, BUT TO ASSIST IN MEXICO CITY'S LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM... AND SECRETARY SHULTZ REITERATED IN NEW YORK (AT THE UNGA) HIS GOVERNMENT'S WISH TO COOPERATE WITH MEXICO, AND INVITED OTHER NATIONS TO DO THE SAME... THANK YOU MRS. REAGAN BECAUSE IN A WAY YOU SYNTHESIZED THE INTERNATIONAL AND GENEROUS DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH MEXICO". GAVIN

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TO: THE HONORABLE GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN
- GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
- SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

DEAR GEORGE:

IT WAS GOOD TO "TALK" TO YOU LAST WEEK.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE PEOPLE OF
CALIFORNIA TO THE ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF PROGRAM FOR THE
PEOPLE OF MEXICO.

THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS THAT I LISTED FOR YOU
DURING OUR "CONVERSATION" WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN THE
CONTINUATION OF RESCUE AND DEMOLITION WORK. FOR
CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE OBVIOUS, THE RESCUE PART OF THIS
UNDERTAKING IS BASICALLY COMPLETED NOW. IT'S
"CLEAN-UP"--AND A GREAT DEAL OF CLEAN-UP IT'S GOING TO
BE. I SUSPECT THAT THE RAZING AND CARTING OF DAMAGED
AND DESTROYED BUILDINGS MAY TAKE UP TO A YEAR.
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I WILL CONVEY YOUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT
OF MEXICO. YOUR LETTER HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO HIM.
I HAVE ALSO SENT YOU AND THE OTHER 49 GOVERNORS A CABLE
EXPLAINING HOW YOU MIGHT WISH TO CHANNEL RELIEF
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR CITIZENS TO MEXICO VIA THE
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED
EXCLUSIVELY FOR SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION.

WITH WARM REGARDS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED

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SUCCESS, I AM, CORDIALLY, JACK GAVIN.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
GAVIN

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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1985

1. PRESS SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1985:

(MONDAY, 9/30) NEW YORK TIMES --
EL SALVADOR: FRONT PAGE PHOTO, STORY BY MARLISE SIMONS
FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/29, ON PAGE ELEVEN. (D'AUBUISSON,
SALVADOR RIGHTIST, QUILTS PARTY POST): D'AUBUISSON'S
RESIGNATION AS PARTY HEAD OF THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN
ALLIANCE (ARENA) "IS WIDELY BELIEVED BY DIPLOMATS AND

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POLITICIANS TO BE A TACIT RECOGNITION THAT HE HAS OUTLIVED HIS USEFULNESS AS PARTY LEADER...(AND) BECOME A LIABILITY TO HIS BACKERS, IMPORTANT SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY, BUSINESSMEN AND LANDOWNERS."

D'AUBUISSON TOLD 800 PARTY DELEGATES HIS RESIGNATION WOULD NOT END HIS ROLE IN SALVADORAN POLITICS, THAWILL HEAD A NEW POLITICAL INSTITUTE TO TRAIN YOUNG LEADERS USING WHAT HE LEARNED IN "COURSES IN POLITICAL WARFARE" IN TAIWAN.

ALFREDO CRISTIANI, 37-YEAR-OLD COFFEE PRODUCER WHO STUDIED BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY,

HAS HEADED SALVADORAN COFFEE AND COTTON GROWERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND JOINED ARENA ONLY A YEAR AGO, WAS UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN THE PARTY'S NEW PRESIDENT FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

MEXICO: OPED PIECE (PAGE 15) BY CATHRYN THORUP, DIRECTOR, US-MEXICO PROJECT OF THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (PLAY IT SMART WITH MEXICO; WE MUST HELP WITH DEBT): THE EARTHQUAKE GREATLY EXACERBATES MEXICO'S UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE DEBT PROBLEM. "NEITHER PUBLIC NOR PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE US HAS FULLY RECOGNIZED MEXICO'S GREAT EFFORT TO HONOR ITS DEBT AND OPEN ITS ECONOMY....THE US HAS TENDED INCREASINGLY TO LOSE SIGHT OF ITS BROADER OBJECTIVES -- POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -- IN MEXICO....IF US CREDITORS...CONTINUE TO PRESS MEXICO AS THEY HAVE BEEN DOING, THE MEXICANS MAY WELL DECIDE THAT THE POLITICAL COSTS OF TRYING TO PLAY BY THE RULES OUTWEIGH THE COSTS OF ABANDONING THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM," WITH SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS OR A MORATORIUM THE RESULT. TO AVOID THIS, THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY MUST EFFECT "A FAR-RANGING REDISTRIBUTION OF THE COSTS OF ADJUSTMENT AMONG DEBTORS AND CREDITORS ALIKE."

(SUNDAY, 9/29) NEW YORK TIMES --

MEXICO: WILLIAM STOCKTON, PAGE 3 FROM MEXICO CITY, 9/28 ("QUAKES MAY SPUR MEXICAN DISPERSAL): "FOR YEARS, MEXICAN OFFICIALS HAVE TALKED ABOUT DECENTRALIZING THE GOVERNMENT, MOVING ENTIRE AGENCIES OUT OF THE CAPITAL AS A WAY OF STEMMING ITS VIRTUALLY UNCONTROLLED GROWTH." SINCE THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES, PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID, POLITICIANS AND PROMINENESSMEN ARE CALLING FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN A WAY THAT "WILL AVOID THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST." QUOTING "A BANKER:" "OPPORTUNITY IS AN UNFORTUNATE WORD TO USE...BUT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DOES

HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY NOW TO RESTRUCTURE ITS BUREAUCRACY AS WELL AS MEXICO CITY ITSELF."

PANAMA: UPI FROM PANAMA, 9/28 ("NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE IN PANAMA") "VICE PRESIDENT ERIC ARTURO DELVALLE WAS SWORN IN TODAY AS THE NEW PANAMANIAN LEADER AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT NICHOLAS ARDITO BARLETTA."

BARLETTA'S RESIGNATION WAS ANNOUNCED IN A LETTER AT 2:30
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A.M. TO THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE SAYING THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL PARTIES THAT HELPED ELECT HIM A YEAR AGO "COULD NOT WORK WITH MY PRESIDENCY TO ELIMINATE 'THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES' PANAMA WAS IN."

DELVALLE, "KEY MEMBER OF THE RIGHTIST REPUBLICAN PARTY", IS AN INDUSTRIALIST AND PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE LARGEST SUGAR COMPANIES IN PANAMA AND OF NINE OTHER COMPANIES. IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, HE "CALLED ON PANAMANIAN TO UNITE TO 'PRESERVE THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS' IN PANAMA"

EL SALVADOR: MARLISE SIMONS, PAGE 6 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 9/28 ("KIDNAPPING RENEWS FEARS OF SALVADOR'S ELITE"): THE ABDUCTION OF DUARTE'S DAUGHTER HAS "REAWAKENED FEARS AMONG EL SALVADOR'S PROMINENT FAMILIES, WHO SAY IT MAY FORCE THEM TO MAKE DRASTIC CHANGES IN THEIR LIVES" ALTHOUGH NONE HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY RECENTLY.

"THE ABDUCTION OF MISS DUARTE APPEARS TO BE ONE MORE INDICATION OF A SHARP SHIFT IN GUERRILLA TACTICS, WHICH PRODUCED THE KIDNAPPING OF 14 SMALL-TOWN MAYORS IN MAY AND AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN A WEEK AGO....SOURCES CLOSE TO THE CASE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY TOLD THE KIDNAPPERS THAT HE WANTS THE MAYORS AND OTHER PEOPLE, POSSIBLY CAPTURED MILITARY MEN, TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY EXCH

HONDURAS: JAMES LEMOYNE, PAGE 7 FROM TEGUCIGALPA ("THE MYSTERY OVER A KILLING IN HONDURAS"): REPORTS THE RUMORS AND INUENDOS SURROUNDING THE MURDER, EARLIER THIS MONTH, OF RICARDO ZUNIGA MORAZAN, "A ONE-TIME ARMY MAJOR WHO WAS A PROMINENT CRITIC OF US POLICY IN HONDURAS."

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"THE POLICE SAY A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE WHO OWED MR ZUNIGA MORE THAN \$50,000 HAD HIRED THREE NICARAGUAN EXILES TO

KILL HIM. IF THAT IS PROVED TO BE THE CASE, IT WILL BE SEEN IN HONDURAS AS A PARTICULARLY BANAL AND UNEXPECTED END FOR A MAN WHO WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE COUNTRY'S MOST SENSITIVE POLITICAL MATTERS..."

MEXICO: RICHARD J. MEISLIN FROM MEXICO CITY IN WEEK IN REVIEW, PAGE 2E ("IN MEXICO, DIGGING OUT HAD A POLITICAL EDGE; US AID WAS APPRECIATED; AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS WERE NOT") DESCRIBING DAILY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND MEXICO FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKES AS "CORDIAL BUT OFTEN WITH A HINT OF PIQUE JUST BELOW THE SURFACE," MEISLIN GIVES AMERICAN AS WELL AS MEXICAN VIEWS OF DEVELOPMENTS THIS PAST WEEK. QUOTES AMBASSADOR GAVIN AND "US OFFICIALS."

BRAZIL: ALAN RIDING FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, ALSO IN WEEK IN REVIEW P.2E ("GROWING PAINS FOR BRAZIL'S DEMOCRACY; SARNEY HAS POPULARITY BUT NOT POWER")

MEXICO: JAMES RESTON, OPED PAGE E21 FROM WASHINGTON ("MEXICO, O MEXICO"): SUGGESTS THE EARTHQUAKE MAY CAUSE AMERICANS TO RECALL IMPORTANT, COMMON PROBLEMS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY AND PAYING HEED TO "THE FIRE NEXT DOOR."

CUBA: GEORGE VOLSKY, PAGE 34 FROM MIAMI ("CUBAN REFUGEES ADAPT TO LIFE IN US"): FIVE DAYS A WEEK, ABOUT 225 CUBAN REFUGEES -- FROM THE 125,000 "MARIELITOS" WHO CAME TO THE US FIVE YEARS AGO -- ARE INTERVIEWED IN MIAMI BY SPECIAL INS EXAMINERS, "AND PRACTICALLY ALL OF THEM BECOME PERMANENT RESIDENTS US."

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EL SALVADOR: "AROUND THE WORLD" PAGE A19 ("D'AUBUISSON REPLACED IN EL SALVADOR")

NICARAGUA: JOANNE OMANG PAGE A20 FROM MANAGUA ("MANAGU SEES UNREST IN NEIGHBOR STATES; ANTI-US UPSURGE AWAITED TO AID CAUSE") OMANG WRITES: "IN INTERVIEWS, NICARAGUA'S PRESIDENT, DEFENSE MINISTER AND INTERIOR MINISTER PROJECTED DETERMINATION TO PERSEVERE AMID REBEL ATTACKS, A DISINTEGRATING ECONOMY AND RISING COMPLAINTS FROM THE NICARAGUAN PUBLIC, IN THE EXPECTATION THAT OPPOSITION TO THE REBELS FROM HONDURAS, COSTA RICA AND POSSIBLY FROM THE US PUBLIC ULTIMATELY WILL COMBINE TO FORCE PRESIDENT REAGAN TO ABANDON HIS ANTI-SANDINISTA CAMPAIGN."

NICARAGUA: JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK, OPED PAGE A19 ("NICARAGUA'S US LAWYERS") NOTING THIS IS THE FIRST TIME

LAWYERS AND WITNESSES HAVE OPPOSED THEIR OWN COUNTRY IN THE WORLD COURT AND THAT ONE OF NICARAGUA'S LAWYERS THERE IS ABRAM CHAYES, FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISER, WHILE ONE OF NICARAGUA'S WITNESSES -- DAVID MACMICHAEL -- WAS A CIA CONTRACT EMPLOYEE AS RECENTLY AS 1983, KIRKPATRICK ASKS, "WHAT ARE THEY DOING THERE?"

THE US HAS DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE HAGUE, INSISTING THAT THE ISSUE IN THIS INSTANCE "IS AN INHERENTLY POLITICAL PROBLEM THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR JUDICIAL RESOLUTION."

"REAL NAIVETE IS REQUIRED TO BELIEVE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT IS TODAY A NON-POLITICAL BODY....BUT IF CHAYES AND HIS COLLEAGUES DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD COURT CAN BE COUNTED ON TO FUNCTION NONPOLITICALLY, WHAT THEN ARE THEY DOING?
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"I BELIEVE THAT THEY ALONG WITH THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT ARE SEEKING TO CHANGE US POLICY AND THAT THEY REGARD THEIR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COURT AS A LTE ACT TO THAT END....WHAT SHOULD THE REST OF US THINK OF THIS FORM OF POLITICAL ACTION?

"WE REGARD IT AS LEGITIMATE FOR AMERICANS TO REPRESENT A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT'S INTERESTS IN WASHINGTON, PROVIDED THEY REGISTER AS AGENTS AND OTHERWISE OBEY OUR LAWS. BUT THE WASHINGTON LOBBYIST...SEEKS TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN POLICY DIRECTLY AS IT IS BEING MADE, WHILE COUNSEL AND WITNESSES FOR NICARAGUA COOPERATE WITH A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMACY OF EXISTING US GOVERNMENT POLICIES....

"IN THE EFFORT NOW UNDER WAY AT THE HAGUE, THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA SEEKS TO DEPRIVE THE US OF CONTROL OVER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY. IT IS CURIOUS THAT SUCH A COURSE WOULD APPEAL TO AMERICANS."

(SUNDAY, 9/29) WASHINGTON POST --

NICARAGUA: NEIL HENRY, POST STAFF WRITER BILLED AS HAVING "SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS EARLIER THIS YEAR REPORTING ON AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS IN NICARAGUA," WRITES 7-PAGE PIECE WITH PHOTOS IN WASHINGTON POST MAGAZINE: ("INSIDE THE REVOLUTION; A REPORTER'S SEARCH FOR THE SPIRIT OF NICARAGUA"). HENRY DESCRIBES "THE ADVENTURES OF THE FIFTH BRIGADE, A COLLECTION OF EARNEST AMERICANS WHO VENTURED TO NICARAGUA TO PICK COFFEE BEANS IN SERVICE TO THE SANDINISTA REVOLUTION. CALLING THEMSELVES BRIGADISTS, THEY RANGED IN AGE FROM 18 TO 71. AMONG THEM

WERE COLLEGE STUDENTS, LAWYERS, CARPENTERS, A JAZZ
DRUMMER, A CIRCUS JUGGLER, A RAILROAD BRAKEMAN, THREE
FOREST WORKERS, A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER."
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(MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30) WALL STREET JOURNAL --

PANAMA: ERIC MORGENTHAU, PAGE 24 PIECE LABELED
"FOREIGN; INSIGHT" ("PANAMA'S 'CONSTITUTIONAL COUP'
REFLECTS THE AREA'S DEBT WOES") HIS FAILURE TO SOLVE
PANAMA'S DEBT CRISIS, A PROBLEM BARLETTA SHARED WITH MOST
OTHER LATIN LEADERS, WAS THE REASON HE WAS REPLACE
AN ECONOMICS PH.D. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, IN
OFFICE HE "PUSHED THE SORT OF NO-NONSENSE AUSTERITY THAT
THE BANKS AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS
ENDORSE. BUT HE WAS A LOUSY POLITICIAN WHO COULDN'T SELL

AUSTERITY TO THE PEOPLE. HIS ATTEMPTS WERE MET BY
STRIKES, STREET MARCHES AND POLITICAL PARALYSIS."

"LAST MONTH, AS THINGS GOT WORSE, GENERAL NORIEGA...WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WERE
'OUT OF CONTROL,' ADDING THAT 'THE ECONOMIC INTELLECTUALS
SHOULD GIVE TRUE SOLUTIONS AND NOT KEEP THEIR HEADS
BURIED IN BOOKS FROM HARVARD OR CHICAGO.'"

"...GENERAL NORIEGA'S ANGRY WARNING 'TO THE ECONOMIC
INTELLECTUALS' RESOUNDS, IN ONE NATIONAL VARIATION OR
ANOTHER, THROUGHOUT THE DEBT-WEARY REGION."

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

MEXICO: NCWS IN BRIEF, P.2 FROM MEXICO CITY ("MEXICO
CITY HIT BY NEW EARTH TREMOR") "A NEW TREMOR SHOOK
MEXICO CITY FRIDAY NIGHT, SENDING SCORES OF PEOPLE INTO
THE STREETS TO SEPND THE NIGHT.
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THE GOVERNMENT SAID THE AFTERSHOCK REGISTERED ABOUT 5.5
ON THE PEN-ENDED RICHTER SCALE AND LASTED ABOUT 50
SECONDS. NO NEW DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED."

MEXICO: E.M. GILES FROM SAN ANTONIO, EDITORIAL, P.17,
LETTERS ("MEXICO AND IMMIGRATION REFORM") "A PURPOSE OF
THE PENDING IMMIGRATION REFORM LEGISLATION NOW MOVING
THROUGH CONGRESS IS TO KEEP NON-VISAED MEXICANS OUT O

OUR COUNTRY.....

"MILLIONS OF MEXICANS CANNOT GET VISAS BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE OF JOB AND FINANCIAL STATUS ACCEPTABLE TO OUR CONSULAR OFFICIALS....

"OUR BIGGEST IMMIGRATION PROBLEM IS THE MONITORING OF ALIENS AFTER THEY ENTER THE U.S. SO AS TO ENSURE THEIR TIMELY DEPARTURE. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO MONITOR ALIENS WHO ENTER ILLEGALLY. TO DISCOURAGE MEXICAN DOING SO, WE NEED TO DEVISE A SYSTEM THAT WOULD ALLOW SHORT-TERM VISITS BY THOSE WHO CANNOT QUALIFY FOR VISAS UNDER OUR PRESENT POLICY.

"CONGRESS COULD VERY WELL CONSIDER AMNESTY LEGISLATION AT THIS TIME, DEFERRING EMPLOYER SANCTIONS UNTIL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE MORE PROPITIOUS. MEANWHILE, IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT A MORE WORKABLE IMMIGRATION CONTROL BILL COULD BE DRAFTED."

NICARAGUA: KENNETH HARPER, IDEAS, P.23. ("INCISIVE

NICARAGUAN HISTORY SAYS SANDINISTAS AREN'T WHAT THEY CLAIM") "SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN'S 'NICARAGUA: REVOLUTION IN THE FAMILY' CARRIES A SIMPLE PROPOSITION: THE SANDINISTAS ARE NOT WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE WESTERNERS TO THINK THEY ARE.... SHE ARGUES CONVINCINGLY THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SANDINISTAS ARE NOT AND NEVER HAVE BEEN A POPULIST, GRASS-ROOTS PHENOMENON; RATHER, THEY ARE -- AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN -- A DISCIPLINED, CALCULATING, MARXIST-LENINIST ORGANIZATION. CHRISTIAN SAYS THE SANDINISTAS HAVE COMBINED CANNY PLANNING WITH FORTUITOUS EVENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR PRIMARY AIMS: THE ATTAINMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF POWER IN NICARAGUA....

"CHRISTIAN CINCHES HER CASE AGAINST THE SANDINISTAS BY REPORTING ON A SECRET SPEECH GIVEN BY HUMBERTO ORTEGA, THE LEADER OF THE ARMY (AND BROTHER TO JUNTA COORDINATOR DANIEL ORTEGA) -- AND IN CHRISTIAN'S VIEW, THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN NICARAGUAN -- ON JUNE 23, 1981. SPEAKING TO SANDINISTA ARMY AND MILITIA OFFICERS, ORTEGA DECLARED THAT WHILE 'INSPIRED BY SANDINISMO.... WE ARE GUIDED BY THE SCIENTIFIC DOCTRINE OF THE REVOLUTION, BY MARXISM-LENINISM....

USA TODAY --

PANAMA: WORLD FROM ABROAD, COMPILED BY JUAN J. WALTE, P.5 ("PANAMA: PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION A SETBACK")
"SATURDAY'S ABRUPT RESIGNATION OF PANAMA PRESIDENT

NICOLAS BARLETTA, A FAVORITE OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, IS BEIED BY FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSTS AS A SETBACK FOR DEMOCRATIC RULE IN THE COUNTRY. NEW PRESIDENT ERIC ARTURO DELVALLE ACKNOWLEDGED SATURDAY PANAMA IS 'IN THE MIDDLE OF A SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC WHIRPOOL.'"

MEXICO: CAMILLE GROSDIDIER FROM MEXICO CITY, P.5.
("MEXICO'S WEIGHTY TROUBLES, QUAKE DEEPENS ECONOMIC ILLS")

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THE BALTIMORE SUN --

EL SALVADOR: FROM EL SALVADOR, NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE, P.5 ("D'AUBUISSON RESIGNS AS HAD OF RIGHT-WING, OPPOSITION PARTY")

THE WASHINGTON TIMES --

PANAMA: ROGER FONTAINE FROM UN, FRONT PAGE ("STRONGMAN NORIEGA OUSTS PANAMA CHIEF") "THE RESIGNATION OF PANAMA'S PRESIDENT NICOLAS ARDITO BARLETTA LAST WEEK

UNDERScores THE FACT THAT DEMOCRACY CONTINUES TO ELUDE THIS KEY CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY.

"PANAMA HAS THE ONLY U.S.-SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT IN LATIN AMERICA THAT IS NOT FULLY DEMOCRATIC OR MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.

"MR. BARLETTA, WHO CUT SHORT HIS TRIP TO THE U.S. AND THE U.N. AT THE 'REQUEST' OF PANAMA'S STRONGMAN, MANUEL ANTONIO NORIEGA, LEARNED UPON HIS RETURN THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO RESIGN.

"FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ERIC ARTURO DELVALLE WAS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT YESTERDAY.

"MR. BARLETTA.... ABRUPT RESIGNATION PRESENTS REAL PROBLEMS FOR THE REAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY, THE MILITARY, AND THE U.S....

ARGENTINA: TIMOTHY O'LEARY FROM BUENOS AIRES, P.7.
("ARGENTINE 'DIRTY WAR' TRIAL READY FOR DEFENSE TESTIMONY") "THE TRIAL OF NINE FORMER MILITLRY COMMANDERS ACCUSED OF MURDER, TORTURE AND KIDNAPPING DURING THEIR 'DIRTY WAR' AGAINST LEFT-WING SUBVERSION
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RESUMES TODAY WHEN THE DEFENSE IS SCHEDULED TO PRESENT ITS ARGUMENTS TO A SIX-JUDGE CIVILIAN COURT...."

MEXICO: JAMES MORRISON FROM MEXICO, "UNDAMAGED 99 PERCENT SEEKING NORMALCY IN MEXICO CITY")

MEXICO: FROM NEW YORK, BRIEFLY/BUSINESS, P.10C. ("MEXICAN DEBT MEETING SET") "URGENT TALKS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK HERE BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL BANKERS AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS LED BY FINANCE MINISTER JESUS SILVA HERZOG TO DISCUSS NEW LOANS FOR THE RAVAGED NATION. THE TALKS COME AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF MOUNTING DETERIORATION IN MEXICO'S FINANCES THIS YEAR, CAUSED BY PLUMMETING OIL PRICES AND ACCELERATING CAPITAL FLIGHT AND COMPOUNDED BY THE TWO DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES THAT ROCKED THE COUNTRY RECENTLY."

PANAMA: GEORGE ANNE GEYER, COMMENTARY, FRONT PAGE, ("DEATH IN PANAMA") THE STRANGE DESTINY OF DR. HUGO SPADAFORA, 45-YEAR-OLD PANAMANIAN SOLDIER OF FORTUNE AND LOVER OF REVOLUTIONS, NOW STALKS THE STEAMY CENTRAL AMERICAN ISTHMUS HE TRAVERSED LIKE A DRIVEN MAN.

"IT IS THE KIND OF CASE THAT WILL HAUNT AND VERY WELL MAY CHANGE PANAMANIAN HISTORY. YET IS HAS BARELY BEEN

COVERED BY AN AMERICAN PRESS THAT SEE THE COMPLEX CENTRAL AMERICAN STORY ONLY IN TERMS OF EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA.

"'WHO WAS HUGO SPADAFORA?' AND, FURTHER, 'WHO KILLED HIM?' ARE QUESTIONS THAT SHOW HOW CLEARLY CENTRAL AMERICA, ONCE COMPOSED OF SIMPLY BANANA REPUBLICS, MORE AND MORE RESEMBLES THE BALKANS...."

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2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TV NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS, SEPTEMBER 27-29, 1985:

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT 9/29/85

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE (SAM DONALDSON) - THE OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL CLIMBED PAST 5200 TODAY WITH U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS REPORTING THAT 24 MISSING AMERICANS ARE PRESUMED DEAD, RAISING THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS KILLED TO 34. IN LOS ANGELES, CELEBRITY VOLUNTEERS ARE HOLDING A TELETHON TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MEXICO CITY VICTIMS. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST MEXICO, AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

1. SUMMARY: SOUTHEAST MEXICO WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE TREMORS WHICH HIT MEXICO CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. DONATIONS ARE BEING COLLECTED BY STATE GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO AID EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. AT LEAST TWO GOVERNORS, FROM YUCATAN AND QUINTANA ROO, HAVE STATED THEY WELCOME THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FEDERAL OFFICES WILL BE DECENTRALIZED, AND OFFER HOSPITALITY TO RELOCATING BUREAUCRATS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EARTHQUAKES OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 WHICH ROCKED MEXICO CITY AND ITS ENVIRONS DID NOT AFFECT THE YUCATAN PENINSULA DIRECTLY, ALTHOUGH MANY RESIDENTS OF COURSE HAD FAMILIES IN THE DESTRUCTION AREA. SEVERAL YUCATECAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE VISITING THE CAPITAL, AS IS THEIR CUSTOM, BUT ONLY THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED KILLED, ONE OF THEM THE CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL COMMERCIAL OFFICE OF SECOFIN.

3. AS IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE IN MEXICO, THERE HAVE BEEN OUTPOURINGS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPLIES FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE QUAKE. GOVERNOR PEDRO JOAQUIN COLDWELL LED THE WAY, WITH A LARGE PERSONAL DONATION FROM HIS (WEALTHY) FAMILY. HE PERSONALLY CARRIED DONATIONS OF EIGHT MILLION PESOS (APPROXIMATELY \$24,000) TO MEXICO
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ON SEPTEMBER 30, GIVEN BY THE CITIZENS OF HIS STATE. GOVERNOR VICTOR CERVERA PACHECO JOINED THE HUMANITARIAN CRUSADE SOMEWHAT BELATEDLY, AFTER FIRST SAYING HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS, AS ANNOUNCED, ABLE TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION WITHOUT OUTSIDE AID. YUCATAN HAS ALSO SENT MONEY AND 17 TONS OF RECENTLY-HARVESTED ORANGES TO THE FEDERAL DISTRICT.

4. THE OCCASIONAL IRREVERENT YUCATECAN WILL SPECULATE, HOWEVER, JUST HOW MUCH OF THE AID WILL ACTUALLY REACH EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. AND SOME MERIDA RESIDENTS ARE AMUSED AT THE COMMENTS OF A RESIDENT OF MEXICO CITY WHO THANKED GOD FOR BEING ALIVE AFTER FOUR DAYS ALONE IN THE RUBBLE. "BUT," THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIM ADDED, "IF GOD HAD REALLY LOVED ME, HE WOULD HAVE RESCUED ME AFTER THE FIRST DAY."

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5. BOTH THE GOVERNORS OF QUINTANA ROO AND YUCATAN HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WELCOME THE DECISION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN THE WAKE OF DESTRUCTION IN THE CAPITAL, TO ACCELERATE ANNOUNCED DECENTRALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES. VICTOR CERVERA PACHECO SAYS HE CAN PROMISE JOBS TO THOSE WHO RELOCATE IN YUCATAN, ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT INDICATE HOW HE MEANS TO DO SO.

6. AT LEAST ONE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, FISHING, HAS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL SET UP OFFICES IN YUCATAN AND QUINTANA ROO, AS WELL AS IN FOUR OTHER MEXICAN STATES, KBAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, COLIMA, OAXACA AND VERA-CRUZ.

7. THE CONSERVATIVE NOVEDADES OF YUCATAN POINTS OUT IN AN EDITORIAL THAT THE STATE HAS MUCH TO OFFER FEDERAL AGENCIES, SUCH AS FISHING AND TOURISM. IT COMMENDS THE STATE GOVERNOR FOR HIS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED DECENTRALIZATION, AND ASKS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MATCH WORDS WITH ACTION.

8. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO
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WILL ACTUALLY DO IN THEIR EFFORT TO DECENTRALIZE GOVERNMENT. CERTAINLY, THE AFTERMATH OF THE EARTHQUAKE GIVES IMPETUS TO THE DESIRE. POST WAS INFORMED OCTOBER FIRST THAT GOVERNOR CERVERA PACHECO OF YUCATAN HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO NOT TO TAKE A PLANNED PROMOTIONAL TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, THERE ARE "CHANGES COMING" WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE HIM. POSSIBLY THIS HAS SOMETHING SPECIFIC TO DO WITH RELOCATING FEDERAL OFFICES IN THIS AREA.

9. HOWEVER, IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THE MEXICAN PSYCHE, ACCUSTOMED TO FIND ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE IN MEXICO, ADJUSTING TO A REAL DECENTRALIZATION. TIME WILL TELL ALSO IF THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.
END COMMENT. YOUNG

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TAGS: ECPS, MX
SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE SHAKES UP SECOFI

1. THE SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SECOFI) HAS ANNOUNCED CHANGES IN ITS SERVICES AND PROCEDURES DUE TO EARTHQUAKE DAMAGES WHICH DEMOLISHED SEVERAL OF ITS OFFICE BUILDINGS, INCLUDING ONE WHICH HOUSED ITS MAIN COMPUTER CENTER. ACCORDING TO MEDIA REPORTS, THESE CHANGES INCLUDE:

- 1. SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS ON THE REGISTRATION OF INVENTIONS AND TRADEMARKS.
- 2. SUSPENSION OF DEADLINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DECLARATIONS AND REPLIES THERETO, PERTAINING TO INVENTIONS AND TRADEMARKS.
- 3. SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO THE SETTING OF PRICES.
- 4. RELOCATION OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INVENTIONS, TRADEMARKS AND TECHNOLOGICAL

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- DEVELOPMENT (TO MONTE ELBRUZ 132).
- 5. RELOCATION OF SECOFI HEADQUARTERS TO THE MEXICAN INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN TRADE (IMSE).
- 2. SECOFI ALSO IS HOLDING DISCUSSIONS ON DECENTRALIZATION MEASURES. AMONG THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED ARE THE GARMENT INDUSTRY AND THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TARIFFS.
- 3. ONE SECOFI OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE ISSUANCE OF NEW IMPORT PERMITS HAD BEEN SUSPENDED. OTICATIONS ARE THAT EXISTENT IMPORT PERMITS ARE BEING EXTENDED,

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AND THAT PENDING IMPORT PERMITS WILL BE PROCESSED IF THE
REQUESTING PARTY CAN PROVIDE COPIES OF THE PERTINENT
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EXPORT IMPORT BANK, USTR, AND COMMERCE

E.O. 12356: DECL: 10/1/91
TAGS: EFIN, ECON, MX
SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE COVERAGE

1. ENTIRE TEXT CONFIDENTIAL
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2. SUMMARY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES
WILL PAY ABOUT 200 BILLION PESOS (\$540 MILLION) FOR
PROPERTY DESTROYED IN THE MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKES. OF
THIS ABOUT 125 BILLION PESOS WILL GO TO THE PRIVATE
SECTOR AND THE REMAINDER TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR, WITH
ALL OF IT BEING PAID BEFORE THE END OF 1985. END SUMMARY.
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3. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME LOCAL INSURANCE
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COMPANIES, EMBASSY HAS AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF
MONEY TO BE PAID OUT BY INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COVER
LOSSES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 EARTHQUAKES IN
MEXICO CITY. THE IMPORTANT FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF DOLLARS OR OTHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE
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- THE COMPANIES WILL PAY THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT 200 BILLION PESOS IN LOSSES. OF THIS ABOUT 80 PERCENT WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF DOLLARS OR OTHER FOREIGN EXCHANGE BECAUSE MOST OF THE COVERAGE IS REINSURANCE WITH ARE SEGUROS AMERICA, LA PROVINCIAL, SEGUROS DE MEXICO, AND LA COMERCIAL. THE REMAINING 25 BILLION PESOS IN PRIVATE SECTOR PAYMENTS WOULD COME FROM ABOUT A DOZEN OTHER SMALLER MEXICAN COMPANIES.
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- VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE PAYMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT WILL COME FROM THE LARGE GOVERNMENT-OWNED INSURANCE COMPANY.
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- ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF THE PAYMENTS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE ALREADY BEGUN BEING DISBURSED AND NEARLY ALL OF THE PAYMENTS DUE SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. PAYMENTS TO PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITIES MAY TAKE

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SOMEWHAT LONGER BUT MOST OF THEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISBURSED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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- INSURANCE PAYMENTS WILL NOT NEARLY COVER ALL OF THE LOSSES INCURRED. IN PART, THIS IS BECAUSE EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE IN MEXICO TYPICALLY DOES NOT COVER MORE THAN 50-60 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE OTHER TECHNICAL PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACTS (SUCH AS FORFITING OR SUSPENDING COVERAGE IF PREMIUM PAYMENTS ARE LATE) WHICH REDUCE THE LIABILITIES OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES.
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-- THE EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE PAYMENTS IN MEXICO CITY ARE LIKELY TO RAISE EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE PREMIUMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. DRAFTED BY J.V.SWEENEY. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MEXICO EARTHQUAKE - SITREP 75: OCTOBER 2, 1985

1. END OF FORMAL EMBASSY COORDINATION

THE AID/OFDA EMBASSY OPERATIONS CENTER WILL CEASE
ACTIVITIES AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY, WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 2. CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, WILL
CONTINUE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE RELIEF EFFORT
WITHOUT AN OFFICE OF CENTRAL COORDINATION. THIS
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MEANS THAT WE ARE MOVING INTO THE PHASE OF RECONSTRUCTION.
AMBASSADOR GAVIN WILL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT 11:00 A.M.
THIS MORNING TO NOTE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THE EXTENT
OF U.S. AID TO DATE.

2. AN UPDATE ON VARIOUS RELIEF ACTIVITIES

A. WATER:

- YESTERDAY'S TRANSPORT PROBLEM LARGELY HAS BEEN

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RESOLVED. NOW, THE ISSUE IS NUMBERS OF WATER TANKS. OVERALL, THE PICTURE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE. SOME PRIMARY WATER SERVICE HAS RETURNED TO DAMAGED NEIGHBORHOODS. CHLORINATION AT TEMPORARY WATER SITES ESTERDAY. ALSO, THE GOM HAS INVITED THE PARTICIPATION OF OXFAM (OUT OF THE U.K.) AND ITALY IN WORKING ON THE WATER PROBLEM. NONETHELESS, WE EXPECT THE NEED FOR ONGOING WATER PROVISIONS TO LAST FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH.

B. RETURN OF STOCK:

- BY COB TODAY, THE WAREHOUSE WILL REMAIN ONLY TWENTY PERCENT FULL. ONLY WATER SUPPLIES WILL BE LEFT.

C. DEMOLITION:

TEAMS REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY. WE ARE TRYING TO RESOLVE THIS FRUSTRATION AT A POLITICAL LEVEL.

D. COMMUNICATIONS:

THE RADIO PEOPLE AND THEIR EQUIPMENT HAVE DEPARTED.
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E. HEAVY EQUIPMENT:

SISTER CITIES HAS ARRANGED FOR TWENTY RAIL CARS WITH EIGHTY PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WILL ARRIVE FROM THE U.S. ABOUT OCT. 6.

E. PVO STATUS:

BEGINNING SEPT. 23 A GROUP OF VOLAGS, SOME PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, AND EMBASSY/AID MET DAILY TO DISCUSS HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR COULD COLLABORATE POST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE. THIS GROUP DISCUSSED PROBLEMS, IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDS, AND SHARING OF RESOURCES. THESE MEETINGS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. THE GROUP ALSO MET WITH THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEXICO CITY DISTRICT GOVERNMENT TO COORDINATE EFFORTS WITH THEM AND SUPPORT THE GOM'S EFFORTS AND PRIORITIES. THE DISTRICT REP OFFERED THE CONTENTS OF FIVE WAREHOUSES TO USE WITH OR INSTEAD OF SUPPLIES BROUGHT IN FROM THE U.S.

- THIS GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET TO COORDINATE RELIEF EFFORTS, I.E., CUT DOWN ON COMPETITION AND DUPLICATION AND RELAY INFORMATION BETWEEN GROUPS. IT HAS SET UP A "PRIVATE SECTOR COORDINATING COUNCIL"

TO LIAISE WITH THE EMBASSY/AID, WHICH HAS BEEN AND
WILL CONTINUE TO BE A VALUABLE SUPPLIER OF INFORMATION
AND RESOURCES. THE GROUP WILL ALSO ARRANGE FOR SPEAKERS
FROM TRNMENT TO ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS TO FOCUS
ON PARTICULAR PROBLEMS.

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- A PVO COORDINATOR HAS BEEN CONTRACTED BY USAID
TO CONTINUE WITH FUTURE AND ONGOING PVO ACTIVITIES.
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1. WE ARE PRESENTLY TRYING TO SECOND GUESS WHAT GOM IS PLANNING TO DO ABOUT RESTORING COMMUNICATIONS TO MEXICO. WE WERE INFORMED TODAY THAT THEY WOULD USE THE NEW MOREALIS SATELLITE, BY REDIRECTING ALL CHANNELS TO LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CIRCUITS TO THE U.S.
2. VARIOUS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ABOUT THE SATELLITE, HOWEVER THE INFORMATION COMES FROM BIASED SOURCES. FOR OUR OWN INFO, REQUEST YOU CONTACT HUGHES REPRESENTATIVES TO DETERMINE HOW MANY VOICE CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE AND IF THEY WERE DIRECTED TO THE U.S. HOW MANY COULD BE USED FOR LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE. SHOULD THE NUMBER BE LARGER THAN WE IMAGINE, COULD A GROUND STATION IN THE U.S. HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF HANDLING THAT LOAD.
3. APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE AND OPINIONS.

GAVIN

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ALL MEXICAN MEDIA REPORT THAT MEXICO REQUESTED, AND
THE BANKING COMMISSION ACCEPTED, THAT A SIX-MONTH
MORATORIUM BE GRANTED FOR THE PAYMENT OF 950 MILLION
DOLLARS OF FOREIGN DEBT CAPITAL, DUE TO THE EXTRA BURDEN
THAT THE EARTHQUAKE REPRESENTS ON MEXICAN FINANCIAL
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PROBLEMS.

2. SIX MAJOR DAILIES CARRIED AN EMBASSY PRESS RELEASE ON
AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S MESSAGE TO THE U.S. GOVERNORS
REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT FOR A "MEXICAN SCHOOLS AND
HOSPITALS RECONSTRUCTION FUND".

3. NOVEDADES (MODERATE) WAS THE ONLY PAPER GIVING
FIGURES ON THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS: THE TOLL IS 5,544
DEAD, WHICH INCLUDES 18 BODIES RESCUED 10/1 UNDER THE

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RUBBLE. THE PAPER ALSO SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY COMMISSION, 3124 BUILDINGS ARE, IN ADDITION TO THE COLLAPSED 412. THE EXPERTS HAVE MADE 1593 PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND REPORT THAT 858 BUILDINGS CAN BE USED, 595 ARE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR, AND 170 NEED REPAIRS BEFORE THEY CAN BE USED AGAIN. THE COMMISSION SAID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE AN EXACT FIGURE ON THE NUMBER OF DEAD. THE NEWS (ENGLISH-SPEAKING DAILY, MODERATE) CARRIED A REUTERS STORY QUOTING FEDERAL DISTRICT AUTHORITIES PLACING THE DEAD TOLL AT 7000 AND EL UNIVERSAL (NATIONALISTIC) SAYS THAT THE BODIES RECOVERED YESTERDAY SHOULD BE ADDED TO THAT NUMBER

4. MOST MAJOR DAILIES CARRY A ONE-PAGE REPORT BY NACIONAL FINANCIERA (GOVERNMENT-OWNED) LISTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION FUND. THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE LISTED SEPARATELY, THE U.S.'S HEADING THE LIST.

5. ALL DAILIES FRONTPAGE STORIES ON PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID'S STATEMENTS THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE A PRETEXT FOR ANARCHY OR POLITICAL TURMOIL.
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6. FOUR MAJOR DAILIES QUOTE TOURISM SECRETARY ANTONIO ENRIQUEZ SAVIGNAC AS SAYING THAT DAMAGES AT THE IXTAPA-ZIHUATANEJO HOTELS ARE MINIMAL, AND ONLY TWO BUILDINGS PRESENT SERIOUS DAMAGE.

7. EL UNIVERSAL REPORTS ON OBSTACLES TO THE ACTIVITY OF RESCUE TEAMS, AND THEIR REPORT THAT THERE ARE STILL PERSONS ALIVE UNDER THE RUBBLE BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK IN THEIR RESCUE.

8. EL HERALDO DE MEXICO (CONSERVATIVE) EDITORIAL PRAISES AMBASSADOR GAVIN'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. "IS READY TO SUPPORT YOU (MEXICO)... ANY MATERIAL YOU NEED, LET THE EMBASSY KNOW," AS WELL AS HIS VISITS TO THE TLATELOLCO DISASTER AREA, AND NOTES: "MEXICO HAS BEEN COMFORTED WITH A PRECIOUS NUMBER OF EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY THAT HAVE ARRIVED TOGETHER WITH THOUSANDS OF FOOD, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, ETC. HOWEVER, IT IS FAIR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE U.S. ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN CONSTANTLY INCREASED."
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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE SUPPORT OF U.S. EMBASSY MEXICO AFTER
EARTHQUAKES

1. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING
SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS. PLEASE CONVEY THIS MISSIONS'S
THANKS TO ALL OUR COLLEAGUES WHO "TURNED TO" OVER THE
PAST TEN DAYS.

2. AS WE ENTER THE SECOND PHASE OF THE RELIEF AND
RESCUE EFFORT, IT IS EVIDENT THAT DEMOLITION AND RECON-
STRUCTION ARE GOING TO TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF
TIME. WE WILL DO WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US AND LOOK
FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE DEBT PROBLEM IN THE WAKE OF THE
EARTHQUAKE

1. (C) SUMMARY: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RECENT
EARTHQUAKES THAT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED LARGE SECTIONS OF
DOWNTOWN MEXICO CITY, GOM OFFICIALS AND OTHER PUBLIC
FIGURES HAVE MADE NUMEROUS COMMENTS TO THE PRESS LINKING
MEXICO'S EXTERNAL DEBT PROBLEMS WITH THEIR RECONSTRUCTION
EFFORTS. THE CENTRAL THREAD IN MOST OF THE INTERVIEWS
IS THAT MEXICO NEEDS TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM ITS EXTERNAL
DEBT SERVICE IN ORDER TO REBUILD THE CITY AND REVITALIZE
THE ECONOMY. SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE CALLING FOR A
MORATORIUM ON DEBT PAYMENTS RANGING FROM SEVERAL MONTHS
TO SEVERAL YEARS. EVEN WITH THESE COMMENTS, HOWEVER,
THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT IS THAT MEXICO
WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR ITS EXTERNAL DEBT OBLIGATIONS
ALTHOUGH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TERMS MAY BE
REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) EVEN BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE, PRESIDENT DE LA
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MADRID (MMH) WAS CALLING FOR A PRAGMATIC REASSESSMENT OF
LATIN AMERICA'S DEBT PROBLEMS FROM INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
TIONS. IN PREPARING FOR HIS SPEECH TO THE UNITED
NATIONS -- WHICH WAS ACTUALLY DELIVERED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER BERNARDO SEPULVEDA -- MMH SAID THAT MEXICO
ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DEBTS, BUT THAT CREDITORS
MUST REALIZE THAT DEBTOR COUNTRIES WERE RUNNING OUT OF
OPTIONS. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A PRELUDE FOR A REQUEST FOR
FURTHER RENEGOTIATION OF MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT.

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3. (U) SEPULVEDA, SPEAKING TO THE UNITED NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE, WAS MORE EXPLICIT. LATIN AMERICA HAS NOW REACHED AN UNTENABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION CAUSED BY PROTECTIONISM AND HIGH INTEREST RATES. THESE, HE CLAIMED, HAVE CAUSED LA'S DEBT TO GROW AND CREATED OBSTACLES TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. SEPULVEDA BLAMES THESE ILLS IN LARGE PART ON THE LACK OF "FINANCIAL ALTERNATIVES", AND ON THE INABILITY OF DEBTOR NATIONS TO EXPORT BOTH THEIR MANUFACTURED AND PRIMARY PRODUCTS. HE ASKED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEBTOR COUNTRIES AND A NEW ECONOMIC MODEL THAT WOULD REACTIVATE GROWTH AND TRADE. SEPULVEDA SAID THAT MEXICO DEMANDS A POLITICAL DIALOGUE TO ALLEVIATE THE INJUSTICES THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS LIVE WITH, SUCH AS THE FACT THAT OVER 50 PERCENT OF MEXICO'S FOREIGN EXPORT EARNINGS GO TO SERVICE EXTERNAL DEBT.

4. (U) OTHER GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT MEXICAN OFFICIALS QUOTED IN THE PRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

-- SENATOR ANTONIO RIVA PALACIO, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC: ACCORDING TO THE SENATE, MEXICO DOES TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DEBT, BUT THE ABILITY TO PAY
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DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MOMENT. HE CLAIMS THAT MEXICO'S ABILITY TO REPAY WILL DEPEND ON THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION.

-- SILVESTRE FERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACION NACIONAL DE CAMERAS INDUSTRIALES (N): IT IS TO MEXICO'S ADVANTAGE TO ACCEPT THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE DISASTER TO A) GET FRESH EXTERNAL CREDITS TO REVITALIZE THE ECONOMY AND BEGIN RECONSTRUCTION, AND B) TEMPORARILY CANCEL PAYMENT OF THE DEBT. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF NOW, HE SAYS, WILL MEAN A RESUSCITATION OF THE ECONOMY WITH LOWER INTEREST RATES AND MORE FLEXIBLE REPAYMENT TERMS.

-- CARLOS MIRELAS GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF CAMARA NACIONAL DE LA INDUSTRIA DE LA TRANSFORMACION (CANACINTRA): ASKS FOR A ONE YEAR GRACE IN DEBT PAYMENTS. THE APPROXIMATELY \$13 BILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE CHanneled INTO THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT.

-- EL COMITE CENTRAL DEL PARTIDO SOCIALISTA UNIFICADO DE MEXICO (PSUM): THE COMMITTEE REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT MAKE THE NECESSARY INVESTMENT IN CONSTRUCTION AT THIS TIME, AND CALLED FOR A MORATORIUM ON DEBT PAYMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

-- JOSE GONZALEZ BAILO, DIRECTOR OF CAMARA NACIONAL DE

COMERCIO (CONACO): MEXICO NEEDS SEVERAL YEARS OF GRACE ON ITS DEBT PAYMENTS AND NEEDS NEW LOANS ON TERMS WHICH ARE SUPER-EASY OR SUPER-FLEXIBLE. HE SUPPORTED LIBERALIZED TRADE AND MEXICO'S ENTRY INTO GATT AS MEANS OF A QUICKER RECOVERY.

-- SILVERIO R. ALVARADO, SECRETARY OF THE COMISION ECONOMICA DEL CONGRESO DEL TRABAJO (CTM): DEFERMENT OF

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE DEBT PROBLEM IN THE WAKE OF THE

MEXICO'S DEBT BY THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY IS INSUFFICIENT. MORE "JUST" FINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL THAN A SHORT-TERM PALIATIVE. HE BLAMED THE DEBT PROBLEM ON EXCESSIVE PROTECTIONISM, LOWER PRICES OF PRIMARY GOODS, AND A DECLINE IN TRADE. THE BEST CURE FOR MEXICO, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS INCREASED PROTECTION FOR ITS INDUSTRIES AND HIGHER PRICES ABROAD FOR MEXICAN GOODS.

5. (U) IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE SECTOR, AND LABOR OFFICIALS, ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS ON MEXICO'S EXTERNAL DEBT AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE. SPOKESMEN FOR THE COLEGIO NACIONAL DE ECONOMISTAS (CNE), CENTRO DE ESTADO DE LA ECONOMIA NACIONAL (CEEN), AND THE INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIONES ECONOMICAS DE UNAM SAY THAT MEXICO NEEDS 12-18 MONTHS OF SUSPENDED PAYMENTS TO REACTIVATE MEXICO'S ECONOMY. FURTHERMORE, A STABLE EXCHANGE RATE VIS-A-VIS
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THE DOLLAR WOULD HELP.

6. (U) ONE ORGAN THAT HAS SPOKEN OUT AGAINST A PARTIAL OR FULL MORATORIUM ON DEBT IS THE BUSINESSMEN'S GROUP CARIENTA, CAMARA REGIONAL DE LA INDUSTRIA DE TRANSFORMACIONES, IN GUADALAJARA. THE PRESIDENT OF CARIENTA, JORGE ARTURO TORRES CARLOS, SAYS THAT PRECIPITIOUS ACTS MAY DAMAGE THE ECONOMY. HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD RATHER SEE ANOTHER RENEGOTIATION OF THE

DEBT RATHER THAN A SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF PAYMENTS.

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7. (C) EMBASSY COMMENT: THE GOM VERY LIKELY WILL TRY TO TURN INTERNATIONAL SYMPATHY TO ITS ADVANTAGE IN FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS. ABSTRACTING FROM IRREPLACEABLE LOSSES OF HUMAN LIFE, THE MEXICO CITY EARTHQUAKE OF 1985 MAY PROVIDE AT LEAST A TEMPORARY RESPITE FROM RISING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE INFLATION AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEFICIT, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. INTERNATIONAL AID, ALONG WITH NEW LOANS FROM COMMERCIAL BANKS AND A LIGHTENING OF EXTERNAL DEBT PAYMENTS COULD MEAN THAT THE MEXICAN ECONOMY WILL GROW MODERATELY FASTER OVER THE SHORT TERM THAN PRE-EARTHQUAKE PROJECTIONS INDICATED. IT IS UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNTRY'S EXTERNAL CREDITORS COULD SANCTION ANY EASING OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT EFFORTS BECAUSE OF THE EARTHQUAKE; CREDITORS WILL TRY TO KEEP THE IMMEDIATE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS SEPARATE FROM THE COUNTRY'S LONGER TERM DEBT PROBLEMS. (DRAFTED:DSTALLINGS) GAVIN

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OC'S QUICK RESPONSE IN PROVIDING MOTOROLA HANDHELD VHF
RADIOS ON MEXICO CITY FREQUENCIES WAS A BIG HELP IN THE
RESCUE WORK HERE. IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE
HANDHELDS WHICH WOULD WORK INTO OUR EXISTING REPEATER.
FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF USAGE OF THESE RADIOS:

1. SEVERAL RADIOS WERE USED TO SUPPORT THE VISIT OF THE
FIRST LADY, NANCY REAGAN TO THE VARIOUS DAMAGED AREAS OF
MEXICO CITY.
2. RADIOS WERE PROVIDED TO SEVERAL RESCUE TEAMS
CONSISTING OF DOG HANDLERS AND DOGS WHICH LOCATED
VICTIMS IN THE RUBLE FROM FALLEN BUILDINGS. FIVE
SEISMIC TEAMS FROM THE US DOING SIMILIAR WORK ALSO USED
THE MOTOROLA RADIOS.
3. THESE TEAMS THEN USED THE RADIOS TO CALL IN
AMBULANCES, EXCAVATION TEAMS AND TV CREWS AFTER LIVE
PEOPLE WERE LOCATED IN A GIVEN BUILDING. IT WAS
REPORTED TO OUR OFFICE THAT UNDOUBTEDLY THE ABILITY TO
CALL IN ASSISTANCE QUICKLY SAVED LIVES THAT OTHERWISE
MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOST. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION

1. EMBOFF MET 10/1 WITH LIC. JULIAN AZNAR, COUNSELOR FOR CEMENTOS ANAHUAC, MEXICO'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF CEMENT. ACCORDING TO AZNAR, EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS WILL HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON THE MEXICAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, OR ITS MAJOR SUPPLIERS, DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1985. ONCE A PROGRAM FOR RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN AGREED UPON - AND NO ONE KNOWS HOW LONG THIS WILL TAKE - IT WILL BE FOUR TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION CAN BEGIN. IN THE INTERIM SITES MUST BE CHOSEN, BLUE-PRINTS DRAWN UP AND APPROVED AND CONTRACTS LET.

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2. COMMENT: AZNAR'S VIEW IS NO DOUBT CORRECT AS FAR AS THE ORGANIZED CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS CONCERNED. THIS HEAVY DUTY SIDE OF THE INDUSTRY, HOWEVER, ACCOUNTS FOR ONLY 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN MEXICO. THE INFORMAL SECTOR (DO-IT-YOURSELFERS, MOONLIGHTERS, SMALL INDEPENDENTS, ETC.) ACCOUNTS FOR THE REMAINING 60 PERCENT, AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS SECTOR IS BUSILY WORKING AWAY IN PRIVATE HOMES AND APARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. WHILE THE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS BEING USED MAY NOT COMPARE TO THAT USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE PUBLIC WORKS, THE LABOR INPUT IS SUBSTANTIAL. THE

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RESULTING RAPID TURNOVER OF MONEY WILL BE A BOOST, HOWEVER MARGINAL, TO THE LOWER RANGES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. (DRAFTED:ECON:PEPENNINGER) GAVIN

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- NEW GRASS-ROOTS POLITICAL LEADERS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

SUMMARY

2. IN SOME LOWER MIDDLE-CLASS AREAS OF MEXICO CITY, LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANIZING THEMSELVES INTO SO-CALLED "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" -- AND NOT THE GOVERNMENT -- ARE BECOMING THE MAJOR IMPETUS FOR RELIEF AND RECOVERY. DEPENDING ON THE DURATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES, THESE EMERGING GROUPS COULD BEGIN TO COMPETE WITH ESTABLISHED POLITICAL ENTITIES AT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEVEL. THUS FAR NO POLITICAL COLORATION IS DISCERNIBLE AMONG THESE GROUPS, BUT THEY ARE UNITED IN THEIR ANTIPATHY TO THE AUTHORITIES WHO THEY MAINTAIN HAVE FORSAKEN THEM. END SUMMARY.

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3. THUS FAR, RESCUE, RELIEF AND MEDIA ATTENTION HAS FOCUSED ON THE MORE AFFLUENT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS AFFECTED BY THE QUAKE: SUCH AS COLONIAS ROMA, JUAREZ, CENTRO AND DOCTORES. MUCH LESS ATTENTION HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN GIVEN TO SOME OF THE HEAVILY DAMAGED, LOWER MIDDLE-CLASS AREAS (COLONIAS POPULARES), OF THE CITY. ON SEPTEMBER 30 EMBOFFS VISITED ONE SUCH COLONIA, , IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY.

4. THIS COMMUNITY, DESPITE THE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IT

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SUSTAINED, HAS RECEIVED LITTLE OFFICIAL AID AND ITS RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN LEFT LARGELY TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES. ONE POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THIS NEGLECT IS THAT WITHIN MORELOS IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF TEPITO WHICH IS INFAMOUS FOR BLACK MARKET AND OTHER ILLICIT ACTIVITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT MAY SUSPECT THAT ANY AID TO TEPITO WOULD BE SOLD OFF. NEVERTHELESS, OTHER SECTIONS OF MORELOS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, AND THERE IS NO OBVIOUS EXCUSE FOR GOM LAXITY IN AIDING THEIR WORKING CLASS RESIDENTS. THEREFORE WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE COULD BE SYMPTOMATIC OF PROBLEMS IN MANY OF THE POORER AREAS OF THE CITY.

5. THE MOST FREQUENTLY CITED REASON FOR THE LACK OF AID BY LOCAL RESIDENTS IS THAT THE PEOPLE HERE HAVE LITTLE POLITICAL LEVERAGE IN COMPARISON TO MORE AFFLUENT AFFECTED AREAS. RESIDENTS ALSO SUSPECT THAT BY DENYING AID THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO FORCE THEM TO RELOCATE TO OTHER AREAS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO RAZE ALL DAMAGED BUILDINGS. THE LESS CYNICAL OF THE RESIDENTS, WHO ARE IN A MINORITY, SUGGEST THAT THE EARTHQUAKE HAS SIMPLY OVERWHELMED THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO RESPOND, OR THAT THE

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GOVERNMENT IS FOCUSING ITS EFFORTS ON THOSE AREAS WHERE MAJOR BUILDINGS HAVE FALLEN AND THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR LOSS OF LIFE. DESPITE THE PHYSICAL DAMAGE, THE LACK OF HIGH RISES IN MORELOS HAS KEPT THE DEATH COUNT LOW. WE BELIEVE THE TRUTH IS PROBABLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT SIMPLY CANNOT MEET ALL NEEDS AND IT IS THEREFORE FOCUSING ITS EFFORTS ON THE ECONOMICALLY MORE PRODUCTIVE PORTIONS OF THE CITY.

6. THE RESIDENTS OF MORELOS ARE DETERMINED NOT TO BE RELOCATED, AND SUGGESTIONS THAT THEY TEMPORARILY MOVESHELTERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY ARE LARGELY IGNORED. MOST PEOPLE HAVE LIVED AND WORKED IN THE MORELOS AREA ALL OF THEIR LIFE. THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY RUNS DEEP. MANY OF THE HOMELESS ARE CAMPING IN THE STREETS IN MAKESHIFT SHELTERS CONSTRUCTED FROM SHEETS, BEDSPREADS, AND PLASTIC. OTHERS HAVE MOVED INTO VACANT STORES WHERE UP TO SEVENTY PEOPLE MAY SPEND THE NIGHT.

7. IN THE ABSENCE OF MEANINGFUL AID FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE ORGANIZING POPULAR OR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN RELIEF AND RECOVERY NEEDS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF AID THEY ARE DISTRIBUTING, BUT IT APPEARS SIZEABLE. ONE ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF "UNION DE DAMNIFICADOS" SAYS THAT IT IS FEEDING, MEETING THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF, AND DISTRIBUTING SUPPLIES TO 7,000 PEOPLE OUT OF FOUR

LOCATIONS. ANOTHER GROUP CALLED "ASAMBLEA POPULAR DE VIVIENDA Y RECONSTRUCCION" WAS DISTRIBUTING DONATED SUPPLIES FOR REPAIRING DAMAGED HOMES. POLOFF WOULD ESTIMATE THAT THIS CENTER HAD A LINE OF 300 PEOPLE IN FRONT OF IT WAITING TO RECEIVE AID. OTHER GROUPS ARE SMALL AND TRY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ONLY ONE OR TWO BLOCKS.

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8. ALTHOUGH SOME CENTERS ARE RECEIVING FOOD AND PERHAPS MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE BULK OF THEIR AID IS BEING GATHERED BY VOLUNTEER GROUPS BASED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY. MEDICAL ATTENTION IS BEING PROVIDED BY YOUNG DOCTORS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM LOCAL UNIVERSITIES. HOUSEWIVES FROM MORE AFFLUENT AREAS OF THE CITY ARE DELIVERING FOOD AND OTHER SUPPLIES. PRI VANS WERE VISIBLE IN SEVERAL AREAS BUT THEIR EFFORTS SEEMED MINOR IN COMPARISON TO OTHER VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES.

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9. IF THE GOVERNMENT IS DELIVERING AID TO THE AREAS IT IS NOT BEING PERCEIVED AS GOVERNMENT AID BY THE PEOPLE. LOCAL RESIDENTS ALSO COMPLAIN THAT THEY ARE RECEIVING NONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AID BEING FURNISHED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

FURTHERMORE, FRICTION SEEMS TO BE GROWING BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS AND THE SOLDIERS IN THE AREA. THE PRINCIPAL COMPLAINT IS THAT THE MILITARY RECEIVES THREE MEALS A DAY,
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WHILE MANY RELIEF CENTERS HAVE ONLY ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED ADULTS ONCE A DAY. RESIDENTS ALSO COMPLAIN THAT THE MILITARY IS OVERLY ZEALOUS IN LIMITING THE VISIT SIDENTS TO THEIR DAMAGED HOMES, WHILE IT SOMETIMES TURNS A BLIND EYE TO LOOTERS.

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CONCLUSION

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10. AMONG THE RESIDENTS OF THESE AREAS THERE APPEAR TO BE A SENSE OF OUTRAGE OVER WHAT THEY SEE AS GOVERNMENTAL INDIFFERENCE. IN THE LEADERSHIP OF MANY OF THE "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" THERE APPEARS TO BE EMERGING A GRASS ROOTS SHADOW GOVERNMENTAL HIERARCHY WHICH COULD PROFIT FROM THIS SENSE OF ALIENATION. THOSE COMMUNITY LEADERS WE HAVE TALKED TO ADMIT TO NO TIES WITH ANY ESTABLISHED POLITICAL GROUP. BUT, CONSIDERING THE TIME THAT RECOVERY WILL REQUIRE, THESE INDIVIDUALS, IF THEY PERFORM WELL, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD THEIR OWN POLITICAL STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY EMERGE AS A LOCAL COMMUNITY POLITICAL FORCE. IN THE PAST, THE PRI-DOMINATED SYSTEM HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN WOOING OR CO-OPTING SUCH GRASS ROOTS LEADERS. BUT ITS ABILITY TO DO SO IN THE POST-QUAKE PERIOD MAY DEPEND ON WHETHER THE GOM HAS THE RESOURCES TO AID IN THE AREAS' RECONSTRUCTION. IF IT CANNOT, THE PEOPLE AND LOCAL LEADERS APPEAR READY TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT THEY CAN DO WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT. END CONCLUSION. (DRAFTED:POL:DMLINSKEY) GAVIN

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1. HIGHLIGHTS OF T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS FOR
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THERE WERE NO ARA TOPICS DISCUSSED.

2. PRESS SUMMARY OCTOBER 1, 1985

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EL SALVADOR: "AROUND THE WORLD," PAGE 5 FROM, SAN SALVADOR, 9/30 ("SALVADOR MILITARY ACTION HALTED IN REBEL REGION"): SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES HAVE "VIRTUALLY HALTED" OPERATIONS IN CHALATENANGO, WHERE THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT DUARTE MAY BE HELD, ACCORDING TO "MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SOURCES." THE CUTBACK "APPEARS TO BE AT LEAST A PARTIAL RESPONSE" TO THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS BY RADIO THAT THE GOVERNMENT HALT MILITARY ACTIONS, EMBARGO INFORMATION AND RELEASE 34 GUERRILLAS.

NICARAGUA: CHARLES MOHR FROM WASHINGTON, 9/30, ON "WASHINGTON TALK" PAGE 24 ("FRUSTRATION, RESIGNATION AND

THE CIA; IS THIS THE NEW ERA OF OVERSIGHT ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES?") DESPITE REPEATED CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS SINCE THE MID SEVENTIES TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES' ACTIVITIES, "THE PRIMARY QUESTION REMAINS: IS CONGRESS ABLE, OR WILLING, TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS TO OVERSEE INTELLIGENCE?"
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"THE ISSUE HAS BECOME MUDDLED ALL OVER AGAIN AMID QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER A MEMBER OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S WHITE HOUSE STAFF ILLEGALLY RENDERED SERVICES TO THE ANTI-SANDINISTA REBELS IN NICARAGUA, ALONG WITH A CONTENTION BY THE CIA THAT IT MERELY 'GOOFED' IN NOT INFORMING CONGRESS ABOUT OPERATIONS AGAINST NICARAGUA."

"WHEN NEWSPAPERS REPORTED...THAT LIEUT. COL. OLIVER L. NORTH...MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ADVICE ON FUND RAISING AND ON MILITARY TACTICS TO THE NICARAGUAN REBELS, OR CONTRAS, SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS QUICKLY PROMISED VIGOROUS INQUIRIES."

REP. LEE H. HAMILTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, "VOWED A COMMITTEE HEARING," AND REP. MICHAEL D. BARNES, CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, "DEMANDED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE FURNISH ALL RECORDS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF MEMBER'S WORK."

BUT BARNES HAS NOT RECEIVED THE RECORDS, AND HAMILTON "HAS BEEN UNABLE" TO CONVENE HIS HEARING. OTHER LEGISLATORS AND STAFF MEMBERS SAY THE RESOLVE OF THE TWO CONGRESSMEN HAS BEEN "SHATTERED BY LEGAL AND POLITICAL OBSTACLES."

GEORGE E. BROWN, JR., MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, "SAYS FLATLY THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL ROLE CONTEMPLATED IN THE 1980 OVERSIGHT LAOT WORKING."

REP. BROWN IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING HE BELIEVES THE NEW

NICARAGUAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE OFFICE IS "A FACADE"
AND "THE SAME PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY ARE TECHNICALLY STILL
IN THE CIA OR NOT, WILL DO THE NITTY GRITTY."
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WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: FRONT PAGE, SECOND OF A SERIES BY PETER TRUELL
FROM MEXICO CITY ("NATION IN JEOPARDY: MEXICO IS LIKELY
TO GET LONGER-TERM LENDING IF IF ACCEPTS AUSTERITY; US,

IMF AND WORLD BANK CONSIDER EMERGENCY AID, USING LARGE
BANKS ONLY; BENEFIT OF PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP"): THREE
FRIENDS -- MEXICAN FINANCE MINISTER JESUS "CHUCHO"
SILVA-HERZOG, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT MIGUEL MANCERA, AND
US FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMAN PAUL VOLCKER -- NOW
"MUST SIT DOWN IN SEOUL WITH OTHER WESTERN FINANCIAL
LEADERS TO WORK OUT SOME SOLUTION TO MEXICO'S
DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ITS 96 BILLION
DOLLAR DEBT....THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM HAS GROWN SO
OVERWHELMING THAT THE US AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS
ARE ASSUMING THE ROLE OF NEGOTIATOR WITH MEXICO -- AS
THEY DID IN AUGUST 1982, WHEN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL
DEBT CRISIS BEGAN. FRIENDSHIPS, SUCH AS THOSE BETWEEN
MR. SILVA-HERZOG AND MR. VOLCKER, MAY WELL PLAY A
SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN EASING MEXICO AND THE BANKS THROUGH
THEIR LATEST CRISIS."

LONG ARTICLE INCLUDES CHARTS SHOWING THE US' FIVE BIGGEST
TRADE PARTNERS, MEXICO'S THREE BIGGEST TRADE PARTNERS,
THE FIVE BIGGEST THIRD-WORLD DEBTORS, "DEBT EXPOSURE OF
(12) MAJOR BANKS TO MEXICO" AND GRAPHS ENTITLED "A CLOSE
LOOK AT MEXICO'S EASING INFLATION" AND "MEXICO'S GROWING
FOREIGN DEBT."

MEXICO: S. KARENE WITCHER, PAGE 20 FROM NEW YORK
("MEXICO INDICATES IT WILL SEEK NEW ACCORD WITH IMF, WILL
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NEED \$2.5 BILLION MOREKING SOURCES SAID MEXICAN
FINANCIAL OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED MEXICO "PLANS TO SEEK
A NEW 15-MONTH ACCORD WITH THE IMF" AND WILL NEED "ABOUT
2.5 BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW BANK LOANS NEXT YEAR."

ONE BANKER SAID MEXICO IS NOT LIKELY TO MAKE A \$950
MILLION PRINCIPAL PAYMENT DUE THIS WEEK. TALKS WITH THE
13 INTERNATIONAL BANKS "THAT NEGOTIATE WITH MEXICO ON ITS
\$96 BILLION DEBT" ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN NEW YORK
TODAY.

"MEANTIME, THE US TREASURY CALLED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICERS OF SEVERAL US BANKS TO WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING

LATE TODAY ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEBT CRISIS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WASN'T CLEAR LATE YESTERDAY, BUT IT APPEARS TO BE AN ATTEMPT...TO BRIEF THE MAJOR BANKERS ON THE TREASURY'S CURRENT VIEWS ON HOW THE INTERNATIONAL DEBT PROBLEM SHOULD BE HANDLED. IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING DISCONTENT AMONG LATIN AMERICAN DEBTOR NATIONS, THE TREASURY IS REVIEWING ITS CURRENT STRATEGY AND STUDYING NEW INITIATIVES TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM."

IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION: LEAD EDITORIAL, PAGE 32 ("THE

UNENDING WETBACK SAGA") "SOME PEOPLE JUST CAN'T LEAVE BAD ENOUGH ALONE. HAVING ALREADY TWICE FAILED TO GET CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO SOLVE THE 'PROBLEM' OF HISPANICS FLOCKING TO THE US FOR WORK, SEN. ALAN SIMPSON NOW HAS PUSHED ANOTHER BILL THROUGH THE SENATE....

"THE LATEST SENATE PRODUCT...WILL BE CONTROVERSIAL IN THE HOUSE BECAUSE IT CONTAINS A 'GUEST-WORKER' PROVISION....

"NOW THE PLAY SWITCHES TO THE HOUSE, WHERE REP. PETER RODINO IS PUSHING AN IMMIGRATION BILL WITHOUT THE GUEST-WORKER PROVISION. IF THIS ISSUE GETS TO A
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ONCE MORE, WE'LL BE ROOTING FOR ANOTHER DEADLOCK. THERE'S NOT MUCH TO BE SAID FOR A BILL THAT MAKES COPS OUT OF EMPLOYERS AND CRIMINALS OUT OF HONEST AND WILLING WORK

USA TODAY --

MEXICO: WORLD FROM ABROAD, P.5. FROM MEXICO ("MEXICO: SOME FACILITIES OPEN; OTHERS TO BE RAZED") "SOME SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES REOPENED MONDAY IN EARTHQUAKE-TORN MEXICO CITY, BUT MANY STREETS REMAINED BLOCKED BY RUBBLE FROM BUILDINGS THAT COLLAPSED DURING QUAKES LAST MONTH. A GOVERNMENT REPORT DECLARED THE 'PERIOD OF EMERGENCY IS NOT OVER.' PRESIDENT MIGUEL DE LA MADRID CALLED ON ALL WORK CREWS TO MAKE THE SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS THE TOP PRIORITY. DEMOLITION EXPERTS CITE 30 BUILDINGS READY FOR RAZING, BUT UP TO 200 MAY HAVE TO BE TORN DOWN. DEMOLITION ISN'T EXPECTED TO BEGIN UNTIL WEEK'S END. ORGANIZERS OF A WEEKEND TELETHON ON A SPANISH-LANGUAGE TV NETWORK SAID THEY RECEIVED PLEDGES OF MORE THAN \$5 MILLION TO HELP EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS."

EL SALVADOR: JUAN J. WALTE, P.5. ("SALVADORAN'S IMAGE WAS HIS UNDOING") "THE POLITICAL DEMISE OF ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON, EL SALVADOR'S CHARISMATIC BUT CONTROVERSIAL ANTI-COMMUNIST CRUSADER, WAS LARGELY SELF-INFLICTED.

"HIS BAD IMAGE ABROAD, REPUTED LINKS TO RIGHTIST DEATH SQUADS AND REPUTATION FOR THRIVING ON POLITICAL VIOLENCE

MADE HIS TOO STRONG A LIABILITY FOR EVEN HIS MOST ARDENT CONSERVATIVE BACKERS....

"U.S. EXPERTS AGREE HE HAD BECOME A HINDRANCE. WILLIAM
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LEOGRANDE OF WASHINGTON'S AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SAID D'AUBUISSON'S REPUTATION FOR INVOLVEMENT WITH DEATH SQUADS MADE HIM A LIABILITY, PARTICULARLY WITH THE UNITED STATE."

THE WASHINGTON TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: FROM SAN SALVADOR, FOREIGN/BRIEFLY/AMERICAS, P.6. ("SALVADOR TO FREE PRISONER ON LIST") "EL SALVADOR'S CONGRESS VOTED YESTERDAY TO FREE ONE OF THE PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE HAS BEEN DEMANDED BY KIDNAPPERS OF PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER.

"THE PRISONER, COSTA RICAN PILOT JULIO ROLAVERA, HAS SERVED FOUR YEARS OF A 25-YEAR SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR FLYING IN ARMS FOR MARXIST SALVAORAN REBELS. THE MOTION FOR THE RELEASE OF TALAVERA, WHOSE FREEDOM HAS BEEN SOUGHT BY COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ALBERTO MONGE, SAID THE STEP WAS BEING TAKEN BECAUSE OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

"MEANWHILE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KIDNAPPERS OF INES DUARTE DURAN, 35, AND A FRIEND ABDUCTED SEPT. 10 HAVE NOT PROGRESSED SINCE A RADIO CONTACT LAST WEEK."

COLOMBIA: FROM BOGOTA, FROEIGN/BRIEFLY/AMERICAS, P.6. ("COLOMBIAN GUERRILLAS SLAIN") "COLOMBIAN POLICE KILLED 11 LEFTIST REBELS, INCLUDING THREE WOMEN, IN CLASHES IN THE CAPITAL YESTERDAY, POLICE SAID. FOUR WERE SHOT ON A PUBLIC BUS.

"BOGOTA POLICE CHIEF GEN. JOSE LUIS VARGAS TOLD REPORTERS ABOUT 25 GUERRILLAS ON THE M-19 MOVEMENT WERE INTERCEPTED HANDING OUT STOLEN FOOD AND MILE TO RESIDENTS OF THE POOR
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NEIGHBORHOOD OF BOCHICA.

"FIVE GUERRILLAS DIED IN THE ENSUING 30-MINUTE GUNBATTLE AND SIX MORE WERE KILLED DURING A POLICE CHASE IN NEARBY DISTRICTS, FOUR OF THEM SHOT ON A PUBLIC BUS BY A PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMAN. FOUR POLICEMEN WERE WOUNDED AND SEVEN GUERRILLAS WERE CAPTURED, GEN. VARGAS SAID."

EL SALVADOR: FROM SAN SALVADOR, AP WIRE, P.6. ("SALVADOR FAR-RIGHT PARTY OUSTS D'AUBUISSON") "THE DECISION BY SALVADOR'S POLITICAL RIGHT TO REMOVE ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON AS LEADER OF THE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN NATIONALIST ALLIANCE APPEARS TO BE PART OF A LARGER PLAN TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE.

"THE PARTY, KNOWN BY THE SPANISH ACRONYM ARENA, REPLACED HIM SUNDAY WITH ALFREDO CRISTIANI, A SOFT-SPOKEN MEMBER

OF THE LANDED GENTRY WHO IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO HIS OFTEN-BRASH PREDECESSOR.....

"MR. CRISTIANI IS A SPORTS-FAMILY MAN WHO GROWS AND PROCESSES COFFEE AND COTTON.

"EACH TIME THEY ATTACKED D'AUBUISSON THEY ATTACKED THE PARTY, AND WHAT WE WANT IS THAT THE PARTY NOT BE A PERSON BUT AN ENTITY. THEY CAN KEEP ATTACKING HIM, BUT NOT THE PARTY,' RICARDO ALVARENGO VALDIVISIO, ARENA'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAID AFTER THE CHANGE WAS MADE SUNDAY....

"MR. D'AUBUISSON WAS NAMED HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY FOR LIFE AND RETAINS HIS SEAT IN THE NATIONAL
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ASSEMBLY.

"MR. CRISTIANI'S TERM IS FOR TWO YEARS, WHICH WOULD GIVE ARENA THE CHANCE TO PUT MR. D'AUBUISSON BACK IN POWER BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTIONS IN 1988 IF THAT SEEMS THE BEST STRATEGY.

"UPI CITED ARENA OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT MR. D'AUBUISSON WILL HEAD A POLITICAL INSTITUTE CONNECTED TO THE WORLD ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE. THE NEW POLITICAL INSTITUTE, TO BE CALLED CONSTANTINO RAMFONE, WILL STRESS THE THREE PRINCIPLES OF 'NATIONALISM, DEMOCRACY AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTRY,' UPI REPORTED....."

BRAZIL: TIMOTHY O'LEARY FROM SAO PAULO, P.8B ("SAO PAULO RACE IS KEY TO '88 VOTE IN BRAZIL: THE PROBLEM FOR THE PMDB IS THAT ALL OF ITS LEADING PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS COME FROM SAO PAULO, EITHER THE CITY OR THE STATE BY THE SAME NAME")

3. PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCES.

(NICARAGUA: DENGUE FEVER)

Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY REACTION TO CHARGES BY DANIEL ORTEGA THAT THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPREADING DENGUE FEVER AND A VIRUS THAT HAS INFESTED

THE COTTON CROP IN NICARAGUAN AS PART OF A BIOLOGICAL
WARFARE CAMPAIGN?

A: MR. ORTEGA APPEARS TO BE SERVING AS A NEW MESSENGER
FOR AN OLD AND DISCREDITED DISINFORMATION THEME.

4. SUMMARY OF NOON PRESS BRIEFING, OCTOBER 1, 1985

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G ON SAVLADORAN GOVERNMENT TURNING DOWN FMLN
PROPOSED PEACE TALKS? I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU ON THAT.
IS TODAY THE THE DAY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS TO REPORT
TO CONGRESS ON THE PROGRESS IN EL SALVADOR? I DON'T KNOW. WHITEHEAD

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PGOV, MX
SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS IN
HANDLING EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH

1. SUMMARY: AN ARTICLE BY MEXICO CITY WRITER MANU DORNBIERER WHICH APPEARED ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF MERIDA'S OCTOBER 3 ISSUE OF THE DIARIO DE YUCATAN HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE COMMENT. THE ARTICLE CRITICIZES MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF EARTHQUAKE RESCUE OPERATIONS, REFUSAL OF INITIAL OFFERS OF FOREIGN AID, AND ASKS WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SUPPLIES AND MONEY BEING SENT FROM ABROAD. THE ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT FOREIGN AID HAS NOT REACHED THOSE FOR WHOM IT IS INTENDED. CONSULATE CONTACTS APPEAR TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THESE SENTIMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. MERIDA'S DIARIO DE YUCATAN OF OCTOBER 3 INCLUDES ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE AN ARTICLE BY MEXICO CITY WRITER MANU DORNBIERER WHICH IS CRITICAL OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF RESCUE OPERATIONS FOLLOWING TWO RECENT, DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES.

3. IN THE ARTICLE MS. DORNBIERER SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE EMERGENCY RESCUE
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OPERATIONS THAN WAS THE GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED CHIEF MANDATE IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. SHE CES EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRACY AND INACTIVIT
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DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE AND SUGGESTS MORE PEOPLE COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN BETTER ORGANIZED. MS. DORNBIERER SAYS THAT FRENCH AND GERMAN RESCUE WORKERS, FACED WITH DISORGANIZATION AND A VACUUM OF POWER AT THE TOP, LEFT THE COUNTRY.

4. THE ARTICLE REPPEATS RUMORS WHICH THE AUTHOR SAYS ARE CURRENT

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IN MEXICO CITY, THAT SOME 33 DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE RULING PRI PARTY WERE LOCATED IN A HOUSE OF ILL REPUTE AND HAD BEEN USING DRUGS AT THE TIME OF THE EARTHQUAKE'S IMPACT.

5. MS. DORNBIERER COMMENTS ON THE "INCREDIBLE STUPIDITY" OF THE MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY IN INITIALLY STATING MEXICO NEEDED NO IMMEDIATE FOREIGN AID.

6. THE ARTICLE COMMENDS, HOWEVER, THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AND SELFLESS WORK OF THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE IN ITS EFFORTS TO DIG OUT AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE.

7. BUT, IT ASKS, WHO IS NOW IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AID BEING SENT FROM ABROAD? UNTIL THIS DATE, THE AUTHOR MAINTAINS, MOST VICTIMS HAVE NOT RECEIVED SUPPLIES WHICH WERE SEEN TO ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT. SF ASKS RHETORICALLY IF PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID IS AWARE OF THIS.

8. COMMENT: THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE, MANU DORNBIERER, IS NOT KNOWN TO THIS CONSULATE. HER ARTICLES APPEAR FREQUENTLY IN THE DIARIO AND ARE GENERALLY CRITICAL OF THE PRI AND THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. TODAY'S ARTICLE, HOWEVER, REFLECTS GENERALLY WHAT WE HAVE HEARD A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE MERIDA AREA ALSO SAY. MANY OF THEM HAVE RELATIVES IN MEXICO CITY AND HAVE VISITED THE CAPITAL SINCE THE

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EARTHQUAKE. PEOPLE ARE GRUMBLING, ACCORDING TO ONE WOMAN, ABOUT LACK OF ADHERENCE TO BUILDING CODES, LACK OF ORGANIZATION IN RESCUE WORK, AND POSSIBLE MISMANAGEMENT OF THE HUGE OUTPOURINGS OF FOREIGN AID. "I AM ASHAME GOVERNMENT," SHE STATED. BUT SHE ADDED, "MAYBE THE EARTHQUAKE WILL WAKE PEOPLE UP AND IN THE FUTURE THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT." END COMMENT. YOUNG

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SUBJECT: MINING INDUSTRY AND THE EARTHQUAKE

1. EMBASSY RRO ASSISTANT CHECKED WITH MINING INDUSTRY
CONTACTS AND WAS TOLD THAT NO DAMAGES HAVE BEEN REPORTED
TO ANY SURFACE OR UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION ANYWHERE IN
MEXICO.

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2. SOME DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES HAS BEEN REPORTED AT THE
STEEL MILL COMPLEX AT LAZARO CARDENAS. WE DO NOT HAVE
PRECISE INFORMATION ON THE DAMAGES BUT UNDERSTAND THEM
TO BE SLIGHT, NOT OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS.

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3. MANY MINING ENGINEERS AND PERSONNEL WERE USED
DURING THE RESCUE EFFORTS. (DRAFTED:ECON:CAKENNEDY)
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SUBJECT: DEATHS: IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS OF AMCITS
KILLED DURING RECENT EARTHQUAKES.

REF: GOFF/SCHULZ TELCON 10/01/85

1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM MEXICO TASK FORCE IN
DEPARTMENT, POST HAS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING
FEASIBILITY OF IDENTIFYING BODIES OF AMCITS KILLED IN THE
RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO CITY.

2. ACCORDING TO ING. CARLOS NAVE, COORDINADOR DE
EQUIPO PESADO PARA RESCATE Y DEMOLICION (COORDINATOR OF
HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR RESCUE AND DEMOLITION) HERE IN
MEXICO CITY, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN THE PROCESS
OF DEMOLISHING BUILDINGS MOST HEAVILY DAMAGED, AND IN
MANY CASES TOTALLY DESTROYED, ALONG MAJOR AVENUES AND IN
VITAL SECTORS OF THE CITY. MR. NAVE, AN ENGINEER,
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOM HAS DECIDED TO STOP LOOKING
FOR CORPSES IN SUCH STRUCTURES AND TO PLACE EMPHASIS
ON REBUILDING THE SITES. POST WAS UNABLE TO ELICIT
INFORMATION AS TO EXACTLY WHICH STRUCTURES WERE TO
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BE DEMOLISHED FIRST, BUT NAVE INFORMED US THAT THE
DEMOLITION BEGAN MONDAY (9/30/85), AND IS EXPECTED TO
CONTINUE. THUS, IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT
BODIES WILL BE RECOVERED, LET ALONE IDENTIFIED.

3. ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM OF IDENTIFICATION IS
THAT UNDER CURRENT MEXICAN POLICY, BODIES ARE ONLY
HELD FOR A MAXIMUM OF 48 HOURS IN VARIOUS TEMPORARY
MORG ROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. THE MEXICAN
PRESS HAS REPORTED ACCUSATIONS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT

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OFTEN THE AUTHORITIES DO NOT WAIT THAT LONG BEFORE BURYING THE CORPSES IN COMMON GRAVES. EVEN THE PERFUNCTORY ATTEMPTS AT PROPER RECORD-KEEPING AND DOCUMENTATION WHICH HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED UP TO THIS TIME, INCLUDING AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS WHOSE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE KEPT IN BOOKS, ARE BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CRISIS. AS TIME PASSES, POST EXPECTS THAT AUTHORITIES WILL BE LESS AND LESS CONCERNED WITH IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF FAMILIES, PARTICULARLY OF AMCITS, AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON BURIAL OF CORPSES.

4. WHILE POST HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN OPINION FROM FORENSIC EXPERTS ON THE SUBJECT, BASED ON OBSERVATION BY OFFICER IN THE FIELD, POST DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF BODIES WHICH WERE MUTILATED, CRUSHED, AND DISFIGURED BY THE FORCE OF THE EARTHQUAKE, AND WHICH HAVE BEEN BURIED FOR TWO WEEKS, WILL BE POSSIBLE, EVEN UNDER THE BEST CONDITIONS-- CONDITIONS WHICH DECIDEDLY DO NOT EXIST IN THE PRESENT SITUATION. CONOFFS HAVE INSPECTED ACTUAL CORPSES WHICH WERE TOTALLY UNRECOGNIZABLE AFTER ONLY A FEW DAYS, AND HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF OTHER BODIES PULLED FROM RUBBLE. IN VIRTUALLY ALL CASES, PHYSICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IDENTIFICATION WAS IMPOSSIBLE, AND ONLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, SUCH AS LOCATION IN A PARTICULAR HOTEL ROOM, DOCUMENTS FOUND NEARBY, AND SO ON, PERMITTED IDENTIFICATION AT ALL.

5. IN SUMMARY, POST BELIEVES THAT POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE MEXICAN DEATH CERTIFICATE AND OUR OF-180, WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE. POST WILL CONTINUE ALL EFFORTS TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION AND ASSIST FAMILIES BUT REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT, IN SO FAR IS POSSIBLE, NOT ENCOURAGE RELATIVES TO BELIEVE THAT IDENTIFICATION WILL BE FEASIBLE IN ANY BUT THE MOST EXCEPTIONAL CASES.

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SUBJ: IMPROVEMENTS IN REPORTING OF INFORMATION FOR
EARTHQUAKE DISASTERS

REF: NATIONAL 006066

1. DURING THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO, THE SEISMIC CENTER AT THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO (UNAM) WAS VERY COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING WHATEVER DATA THEY HAD. HOWEVER, THEIR DATA WAS NOT COMPLETE BECAUSE PARTS OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WERE NOT OPERATING. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE TIMELY REPORTS PROVIDED BY NEIC.
2. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN REPORTING OF INFORMATION FOR EARTHQUAKE DISASTERS AND ENDORSES THE IDEA OF TYING THE DATA COLLECTION PLATFORMS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TOGETHER VIA SATELLITE.
3. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING WHAT KIND OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORK COULD BE FORMED TO COLLECT

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INFORMATION ON TSUNAMIS AND VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.
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- 1. EMBASSY RELIEF OPERATIONS OFFICIALLY ENDED AT
- CLOSE OF BUSINESS YESTERDAY

MOST TEAMS NOW HAVE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.
THE EMBASSY AND OFDA PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING TO
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CLOSE DOWN THE WAREHOUSE, ACCOUNT FOR SUPPLIES AND
OTHER EXPENSES, AND DETERMINE THE U.S. ROLE IN THE
LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

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- 2. VISIT OF GENERAL JULIUS BECTON JR.

OFDA DIRECTOR, GENERAL BECTON, ARRIVED FROM WASHINGTON
LAST NIGHT TO SURVEY EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND ASSESS
NEEDS. AT 0800 THIS MORNING, HE ATTENDED A MEETING
OF OFDA AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE

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STATUS OF THE RELIEF EFFORT. THE BRIEFING INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES:

A. WATER:

DELIVERY CONTINUES AS THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEM. THERE IS NO--REPEAT NO--SHORTAGE OF POTABLE WATER ITSELF. THE ISSUE IS TO GET THE WATER TO THOSE AREAS STILL WITHOUT REGULAR WATER CE. (KEEP IN MIND THAT NORMALLY THREE-AND-A-HALF MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA HAD NO WATER SERVICE BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE; WE ARE WORKING ONLY IN THOSE AREAS WHICH DID IN FACT HAVE WATER.)

THE EARTHQUAKE RUPTURED TWO AQUEDUCTS FLOWING INTO THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE CITY (IXTAPALAPA), SITE OF THE MOST SEVERE PROBLEMS. WE EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CITY WATER AUTHORITY, A SOPHISTICATED AGENCY BY U.S. STANDARDS, HAS THE BASIC HUMAN AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. IN THE LONG TERM THE EARTHQUAKE HAS CREATED DEMANDS ON ITS SERVICES WHICH WOULD STRAIN ANY SYSTEM ANYWHERE. WE ARE STANDING BY TO HELP (IF ASKED) WITH THE MOST UNCLASSIFIED

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CRITICAL NEEDS, INCLUDING: LEAKS, LABORATORY TESTING, AND CHLORINATION.

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B. DEMOLITION:

OUR TEAM REMAINS IN MEXICO, AWAITING RESOLUTION OF POLITICAL CONCERNS. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE INVITED GOM OFFICIALS TO WITNESS A LONG-PLANNED DEMOLITION OF A CITY BLOCK IN DOWNTOWN TYLER, TEXAS, THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6.

C. HOUSING:

THE GOM IS BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT NEEDS TO MAKE TEMPORARY HOUSING A PRIORITY.
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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DATA

REF: GOLDEN 6066

1. SCICOUNS MORALES PAID COURTESY VISIT TO DR. ISMAEL HERRERA, DIRECTOR INSTITUTE OF GEOPHYSICS, UNAM, ON OCT. 3, 1985, TO THANK HIM FOR EXCELLENT COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM SEISMO CENTER DURING RECENT EARTHQUAKE CRISIS.
2. MEETING WITH SEISMO CENTER CHIEF Z. JIMENEZ REVEALED THAT UNAM IS CONCERNED ABOUT A LACK OF SEISMIC DATA ON A REAL TIME BASIS FROM OUTLYING STATIONS IN ORDER TO PROMPTLY LOCATE EPICENTERS FOR EARTHQUAKES. THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR PROMPT DATA INTERCHANGE WITH GOLDEN.
3. SCICOUNS AND DIRECTOR OF GEOPHYSICS INSTITUTE (UNAM) AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN THREE WEEKS TO EXPLORE AVENUES OF POSSIBLE INCREASED COOPERATION ON EXCHANGE OF EARTHQUAKE DATA DURING AN EMERGENCY AS WELL AS ON A ROUTINE BASIS.
4. SCICOUNS DETECTED A DEFINITE INTEREST ON THE PART OF UNCLASSIFIED

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UNAM TO IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION/DISSEMINATION CAPABILITIES. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE NEXT MEETING WITH DR. HERRERA. (SSOTO) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING OF THE PESO SINCE THE EARTHQUAKES

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2. SUMMARY. SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 EARTHQUAKES
IN MEXICO CITY THE PESO HAS STRENGTHENED BY ABOUT 4
PERCENT AT THE BANKS AND EXCHANGE HOUSES IN MEXICO CITY.
FURTHERMORE, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CONTROLLED AND
FREE RATES HAS DECLINED FROM 29 PERCENT TO SLIGHTLY
LESS THAN 20 PERCENT. END SUMMARY.

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3. OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS THE PESO EXCHANGE RATE HAS
PROGRESSIVELY STRENGTHENED IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKES
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IN MEXICO CITY. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
REASONS FOR THIS:

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-- A WIDESPREAD FEELING OF PATRIOTISM AND A BELIEF
AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES THAT NO ADDITIONAL
PRESSURES SHOULD BE PUT ON THE COUNTRY DURING TIMES OF
DISASTER.

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-- A GROWING BELIEF THAT ECONOMIC ACTIVITY WILL NOW
PICK UP WITH THE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS.

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-- PEOPLE SEEM TO BE CONVINCED THAT A LOT OF BILATERAL TLILATERAL AID WILL BE FLOWING INTO THE COUNTRY OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS AND THIS WILL INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

-- A FEELING THAT CREDITOR COUNTRIES AND BANKS WILL NOW BE MORE SYMPATHETIC AND FLEXIBLE ON THE FOREIGN DEBT PROBLEM.

-- NEWS THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL SOON BE COMING OUT, PERHAPS AT THE FUND/BANK MEETINGS IN SEOUL, OF NEW INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS TO HELP DEBTOR COUNTRIES.

-- A GROWING BELIEF THAT MEXICO IS SERIOUSLY INTENDING TO NEGOTIATE ANOTHER AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF.

-- POSTPONEMENT BY MEXICO'S CREDITOR BANKS OF \$950 MILLION DUE THIS YEAR IN AMORTIZATION PAYMENTS.

-- FEAR OF RETALIATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR BEING CAUGHT TAKING MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT SUCH A CRITICAL TIME.

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4. BOTH AT THE BANKS AND THE PRIVATE EXCHANGE HOUSES IN MEXICO CITY THE PESO HAS STRENGTHENED BY ABOUT 4 PERCENT VIS A VIS THE DOLLAR OVER THE PAST 14 DAYS. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BORDER HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BUT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PESO IS ALSO STRENGTHENING AT THE FRONTIER BANKS. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CONTROLLED RATE AND THE FREE RATE HAS FALLEN FROM 29 TO 19.5 PERCENT OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. MANY ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT WHEN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO RATES IS LESS THAN 20 PERCENT THIS FACILITATES EXCHANGE RATE MANAGEMENT.

5. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE PESO TO STRENGTHEN MUCH FURTHER OVER THE SHORT TERM AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE AS TO WHEN SPECULATIVE PRESSURES AGAINST THE PESO COULD BEGIN TO INCREASE AGAIN. BASED ON PURCHASING POWER PARITY ANALYSIS, THE CONTROLLED RATE REMAINS SOMEWHAT UNDERVALUED AND THE FREE RATE CONSIDERABLY UNDERVALUED (BY AS MUCH AS 25-30 PERCENT). AS BEST WE CAN TELL, THE BANK OF MEXICO IS NOT INTERVENING THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE. DRAFTED BY J.V. SWEENEY. GAVIN

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POSSIBLE SURVIVOR FOUND - A MEXICAN TEAM HAS FOUND A BOY
WHO EARLY THIS MORNING WAS IN ALL LIKELIHOOD STILL
ALIVE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE.
RESCUERS, HOWEVER, WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY REMOVING THE
CONCRETE BEAM TRAPPING HIM, THOUGH HE MAY BE AS NEAR AS
A YARD AND A HALF TO SAFETY. THE DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDIC SQUAD IS RETURNING TO MEXICO
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CITY THIS AFTERNOON TO TRY TO SAVE HIM. (DRAFTED:
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FOR AMBASSADOR GAVIN FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITEHEAD

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2. AS WE BEGIN TO LOOK BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO SAVE LIVES AND RELIEVE SUFFERING AFTER LAST MONT'S EARTHQUAKES, WE WOULD LIKE TO SHIFT OUR FOCUS TO HOW BEST TO APPROACH MEXICO'S LONGER TERM NEEDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR READINESS TO HELP IN PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER, MRS. REAGAN'S VISIT, THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY SEPULVEDA IN NEW YORK (REF B), AND MY MEETING WITH FINANCE SECRETARY SILVA HERZOG IN WASHINGTON (REF C). OUR OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:
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(A) TO HELP STRENGTHEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO;

(B) TO ENCOURAGE OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEXICAN RECONSTRUCTION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT WILL HELP OFFSET THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF A MAJOR PROGRAM ON MEXICO'S ALREADY STRAINED ECONOMY;

(C) TO MINIMIZE THE DISINCENTIVE THIS BURDEN MIGHT

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OTHERWISE CREATE FOR MEXICAN ADHERENCE TO SOUND ECONOMIC POLICIES, INCLUDING STRUCTURAL REFORMS AND COOPERATION WITH THE IMF AND OTHER CREDITOR

(D) TO FINANCE THE USG CONTRIBUTION THROUGH A BUDGET INCREASE, WITH BROAD CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT, RATHER THAN THROUGH A SHIFTING OF SCARCE RESOURCES TO MEXICO FROM OTHER HIGH PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS.

3. THUS FAR, OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN QUITE GENERAL. WE BELIEVE IT REMAINS APPROPRIATE THAT WE REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO THE GOM, AS TO EITHER THE TYPES OR AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE THE USG MIGHT PROVIDE, WHILE WE OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXTENT AND NATURE OF WHAT IS NEEDED, AS WELL AS MEXICAN PLANS AND DESIRES. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR CURRENT THINKING WITH YOU AND ELICIT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN LIGHT OF YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH GOM LEADERS.

4. RECONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS ARE OF COURSE SUBSTANTIAL. WE UNDERSTAND ONE IMMEDIATE NEED IS RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS, AND

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THAT THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS OPENED A FUND TO CHANNEL PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS AREA. THERE ARE CLEARLY SUBSTANTIAL SHORT-TERM REQUIREMENTS IN MANY OTHER SECTORS, IN ADDITION. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR MEETING THESE BROADER NEEDS COULD COME IN PART THROUGH REPROGRAMMING EXISTING IFI LOANS. WE ARE INFORMED THAT 200-300 MILLION DOLLARS FROM IBRD AND 100 MILLION DOLLARS FROM IDB ARE LIKELY TO BE SO REPROGRAMMED. THE IMF MAY PROVIDE EMERGENCY FUNDING OF ABOUT 230 MILLION DOLLARS. IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR AND DESIRABILITY OF USG FUNDING FOR THIS INITIAL RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT.

5. LONGER-TERM NEEDS WILL BE ENORMOUS. THESE LESS IMMEDIATE NEEDS WILL HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED AS THE GOM DEVELOPS ITS PLANS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF SUCH ISSUES AS GOVERNMENT DECENTRALIZATION, RELOCATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING, REBUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DESIRED USES OF THE AREAS DEVASTATED BY THE EARTHQUAKES. HERE AGAIN, THE IFIs APPEAR TO BE ALREADY ENGAGED, WITH AN IBRD MISSION IN MEXICO CONDUCTING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE IBRD IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL RECONSTRUCTION LOAN OF UP TO 500 MILLION DOLLARS, AND THAT THE IDB IS THINKING OF A SIMILAR LOAN FOR 200 MILLION DOLLARS. PRESUMABLY, THESE RESOURCES WILL NOT BECOME AVAILABLE UNTIL SOME TIME NEXT YEAR WHEN THE BANKS ARE SATISFIED WITH THE GOM PLANS. WE BELIEVE LONG TERM USG ASSISTANCE MIGHT BEST BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF

INFORMAL IBRD LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION THAT CAN ELP ATTRACT AND REASSURE OTHER DONORS. WE WILL WELCOME YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS APPROACH IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WIT THE GOM.

6. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FOR MEXICO REMAINS HIGH. THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO SIGN NEXT WEEK A JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT FOR COOPERATION WITH MEXICO IN LONG TERM EFFORTS TO RECOVER FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE EARTQUAKE. WE ARE BEGINNING TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE HILL ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS THAT WOULD CREATE A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO (RATER THAN PUTTING MEXICO INTO ANY EXISTING CATEGORY OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE NOW PROVIDED TO LDC RECIPIENTS). OBVIOUSLY, THE SOONER WE CAN REFINE OUR PLANS AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES CLARIFY THE EASIER IT WILL BE TO AVOID INAPPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES. ALSO, IF WE ARE IN A POSITION TO DEFINE AN ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PROPOSAL BEFORE CONGRESS COMPLETES ACTION ON THE FY1986 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS (LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND CONTINUING RESOLUTION IN MIBER) WE WILL IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR AVOIDING COMPETITION BETWEEN A PROGRAM FOR MEXICO AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN AN FY1986 SUPPLEMENTAL AT A LATER DATE.

7. THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS ARE SUGGESTED FOR YOUR USE IN DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES WITH SENIOR GOM OFFICIALS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

TALKING POINTS:

-- WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR READINESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN MEXICO'S PROGRAM OF RECONSTRUCTION. AS YOU ASSESS YOUR NEEDS AND FORMULATE YOUR PLANS WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF YOUR THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU WILL APPROACH THIS EFFORT AND HOW WE AND OTHER DONORS CAN BE OF HELP TO YOU. WE WOULD LIKE AT THIS POINT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS
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ABOUT APPROACHES YOU WOULD FAVOR RATHER TAN ANY ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE NEEDED.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE PRESSING NEED IS FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS DESTROYED IN THE EARTHQUAKES AND PRIVATE FUNDS ARE BEING ARRANGED TO HELP WITH THIS. HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED OTHER URGENT PRIORITIES? DO YOU EXPECT TO NEED EXTERNAL FINANCING FOR THESE INITIAL STEPS, IN ADDITION TO THE AMOUNTS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER SOURCES?

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE WORLD BANK ABOUT THE NEEDS FOR FINANCING THE MUCH LARGER TASK OF LONG TERM RECONSTRUCTION. AN INFORMAL LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR THE BANK IN WORKING WITH OTHER DONORS WOULD SEEM ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN ENCOURAGING A BROADLY BASED INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE. DO YOU ENVISION WORKING WITH THE BANK ALONG THESE LINES?

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD PROMPTLY WHEN WE LEARN HOW THE GOM WISHES TO PROCEED, AND WHAT ROLE THE USG CAN USEFULLY PERFORM IN THE RECONS

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SUBJECT: PRESUMPTION OF DEATH ACCORDING TO MEXICAN LAW.

REF: GOFF/SCHULZ TELCON 10/01

1. PER YOUR REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE APPLICABLE MEXICAN LAW ON PRESUMPTIVE DEATH CONTAINED IN "CODIGO CIVIL PARA EL DISTRITO FEDERAL EN MATERIA COMUN, Y PARA TODA LA REPUBLICA EN MATERIA FEDERAL", TITLE 11, CHAPTERS I AND II.

2. A MISSING PERSON WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY SIGNED A POWER OF ATTORNEY IS DEEMED PRESENT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE POWER OF ATTORNEY SIGNED. (ARTICLE 648)

3. WHEN A PERSON HAS DISAPPEARED AND IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE THE PERSON CAN BE FOUND OR WHO REPRESENTS HIM/HER, THE JUDGE WILL NAME A DEPOSITARY FOR THE MISSING PERSON'S PROPERTIES. THE JUDGE WILL SUMMON THE MISSING PERSON BY EDICTS, PUBLISHED IN THE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS OF THE PERSON'S LAST RESIDENCE FOR NO LESS THAN THREE NOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. (ARTICLE 649)

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MONTHS. (ARTICLE 649)

4. IF THE MISSING PERSON OR A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT APPEAR WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME, THE JUDGE WILL NAME A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE. (ARTICLE 654)

5. TWO YEARS AFTER A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN NAMED, A DECLARATION OF ABSENCE CAN BE REQUESTED. (ARTICLES 669 AND 673)

6. SIX YEARS AFTER THE DECLARATION OF ABSENCE, THE JUDGE,

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AT THE INSTANCE OF THE INTERESTED PARTY, WILL DECLARE THE PRESUMPTION OF DEATH. IN RESPECT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE DISAPPEARED UPON TAKING PART IN A WAR, ABOARD A BOAT THAT SINKS, OR UPON VERIFYING AN EXPLOSION, FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, FLOOD OR OTHER SIMILAR DISASTER, TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF DISAPPEARANCE WILL SUFFICE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DECLARATION OF PRESUMPTION OF DEATH. HOWEVER, IN THOSE CASES THE PROCEDURES INDICATED IN CHAPTER I OF THIS TITLE SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. (ARTICLE 705)

7. CONSULAR SECTION'S MEXICAN LEGAL ADVISOR STATES THAT PARAGRAPH 6, ABOVE, MEANS THAT WITH A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, PRESUMPTION OF DEATH MAY BE DECLARED AFTER TWO YEARS IN THE CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE DISAPPEARANCE, AND WITHOUT A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AFTER TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS.
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SUBJECT: EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE ON PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

1. MEETINGS OF THE MEXICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (AMIF) WERE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24. THE RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NO LOSS OF LIFE AMONG THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. CURRENTLY, MOST OF THE FACTORIES ARE SUPPLYING WATER TO THEIR EMPLOYEES. THEY ARE ABLE TO DO THIS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN WATER SUPPLY (WELLS) AND PURIFICATION SYSTEM. FOR THE MOST PART, THE INDUSTRY ALSO HAS EMERGENCY GENERATORS TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER. THROUGHOUT THE INDUSTRY THERE WERE PRODUCT DAMAGES RESULTING FROM FALLEN MERCHANDISE WITHIN WAREHOUSES. LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE LESS THAN 2 PERCENT OF TOTAL INVENTORY. SURPRISINGLY, THE INDUSTRY APPARENTLY SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE LOSSES OF VEHICLES. DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORTATION, HOWEVER, ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE A PROBLEM.

2. A LOOMING PROBLEM FOR THE INDUSTRY IS THE IMPORTATION OF RAW MATERIALS. ALTHOUGH NOT SERIOUS YET, IT COULD BECOME CRITICAL WITHIN 2-3 WEEKS UNLESS SOME

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TEMPORARY SYSTEM OF IMPORTATION IS IMPROVISED.

3. AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKE, ALL RECORDS OF PRODUCT REGISTRATION HAVE BEEN. FORTUNATELY, THE ORIGINALS, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE IN THE HANDS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES.

4. BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL LOSS OF OFFICE SPACE BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, AS WELL AS OTHER MAJOR COMPANIES, HAVE BEEN

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ASKED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. MOST COMPANIES ARE TRYING TO
ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST. (DRAFTED:ECON:PEPENNINGER)
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1. PRESS SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 4, 1985:

NEW YORK TIMES --

MEXICO: "NEWS ANALYSIS" PAGE 3 BY RICHARD MEISLIN FROM
MEXICO CITY, 10/2 ("AFTER THE QUAKES: POLITICAL
RUMBLINGS") THE EARTHQUAKE HAS GIVEN MR. DE LA MADRID A
NEW OPPORTUNITY TO DISPROVE SOME OF THE CRITICISMS BEING
MADE OF HIM AND ACHIEVE SOME OF HIS GOALS --AND SOME OF
THE MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES POSSIBLE UNDER WHICH TO
DO SO."

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"IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, MANY MEXICANS HAVE RECALLED THE 1972 EARTHQUAKE IN MANAGUA" AND SOMOZA'S "APPROPRIATION OF THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SENT TO RECONSTRUCT THE CITY....WHILE DISMISSING ANY PARALLELS, THE GOVERNMENT SEEMS ANXIOUS TO PREVENT THE GF SUCH PUBLIC IRRITATION HERE. IT HAS ALREADY DELAYED PLANS TO BEGIN DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, IN THE FACE OF A PUBLIC OUTCRY FROM RELATIVES OF THOSE STILL TRAPPED, DEAD OR ALIVE, UNDER THE RUBBLE. AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO COME UP QUICKLY WITH A PLAN TO RELOCATE THE INCREASINGLY ANGRY AND DESPERATE PEOPLE -- ESTIMATED AT 50,000 OR MORE -- LEFT HOMELESS."

THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN SIGNS THAT THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION PARTIES WILL TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF ANY INDICATIONS THE GOVERNMENT IS FAILING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OR IS MISMANAGING THE CRISIS.

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10/3 ("MEXICANS TRY TO SAVE BOY, 9, IN RUBBLE")
"RESCUERS DIGGING WITH SHOVELS AND THEIR BARE HANDS FOUGHT TODAY TO REACH A 9-YEAR-OLD BOY THOUGHT TO BE STILL ALIVE IN THE RUBBLE OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING....IT WAS UNCLEAR TONIGHT WHETHER THEY COULD REACH HIM IN TIME...."

BOLIVIA: UPI IN "AROUND THE WORLD" PAGE 7 ("MINERS IN BOLIVIA DECIDE TO END 4-WEEK STRIKE")

(THURSDAY, 10/3 NEW YORK TIMES) --

LATIN DEBT: ALAN RIDING, FRONT PAGE FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, 10/2 ("US POLICY SHIFT SEEN AS KEY TO EASING LATIN DEBT CRISIS") "THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO PROMOTE A NEW STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH LATIN AMERICA'S DEBT MARKS A TURNING POINT....FOREIGN BANKERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID HERE TODAY."

THEY SAID WASHINGTON NOW ACCEPTED THE LATIN ARGUMENT THAT "GROWTH-ORIENTED POLICIES WOULD ENABLE THE REGION TO MEET ITS HUGE DEBT OBLIGATIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN THE AUSTERITY PROGRAMS DEMANDED UNTIL NOW BY THE IMF."

"THE SOURCES ALSO NOTED THAT, IN PREPARING AN INITIATIVE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN SEOUL NEXT WEEK, THE ADMINISTRATION HAD FOR THE FIRST TIME ENDORSED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LEADING WESTERN NATIONS SHOULD PLAY A DIRECT ROLE IN EASING THE DEBT CRISIS."

"ONE BRAZILIAN OFFICIAL SAID, 'IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHETHER IT WILL BE RADICAL ENOUGH, BUT IT

NONETHELESS MARKS A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN US THINKING."

EVIDENCE CITED FOR THE ABOVE IS TREASURY SECRETARY BAKER
AND FED CHAIRMAN VOLCKER'S CALLING IN THE HEADS OF FIVE
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MAJOR AMERICAN BANKS LAST TUESDAY TO BRIEF THEM ON
ADMINISTRATION PLANS AND URGE COOPERATION. "UNTIL NOW,
WASHINGTON HAS REGARDED THE IMF AS THE MAIN INTERMEDIARY
BETWEEN DEBTOR NATIONS AND THEIR COMMERCIAL CREDITORS."

"BANKING SOURCES SAID THE US INITIATIVE INVOLVES
DE-EMPHASIZING THE 'POLICING' ROLE OF THE IMF AND USING
THE WORLD BANK AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL BANKS TO PROVIDE NEW
RESOURCES THAT WOULD PERMIT LATIN AMERICA'S MAIN DEBTOR
COUNTRIES TO RESUME ECONOMIC GROWTH."

WASHINGTON POST --

ICJ/NICARAGUA: ABRAM CHAYES, OPED PAGE 23 ("WHAT
KIRKPATRICK IGNORES") "JEANE KIRKPATRICK'S ARTICLE IN
THE WASHINGTON POST SEPT. 30 ("NICARAGUA'S US LAWYERS,"
OP-ED) BETRAYS AN UNFORTUNATE IGNORANCE OF BOTH THE WORLD
COURT AND THE RULE OF LAW...."

"DURING THE PAST 40 YEARS, THE US HAS CALLED UPON THE
COURT MANY TIMES, MOST RECENTLY IN THE IRANIAN HOSTAGES
CASE AND IN THE DISPUTE WITH CANADA ABOUT THE BOUNDARY
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE GULF OF MAINE. NOT
UNTIL THE NICARAGUA CASE, WHEN IT APPEARED TH US MIGHT
LOSE, HAS THIS COUNTRY EVER QUESTIONED THE COURT'S
PROFESSIONAL CHARACTER..."

"AS TO THE RULE OF LAW, YOU WILL LOOK IN VAIN FOR ANY
MENTION OF IT IN JEANE KIRKPATRICK'S ARTICLE....IN HER
VIEW, APPARENTLY, THE FUNDAMENTAL NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW GOVERNING RELATIONS AMONG STATES ARE NOT APPLICABLE
TO THE FORMULATION OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. THAT
CONSISTS OF THE PRESIDENT SAYS IT IS. THE REST
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OF US ARE BOUND TO 'ACCEPT THE RESULTING DECISION' -- AND
SHUT UP."

"BUT THE BEDROCK PROPOSITION OF OUR POLICY IS THAT WE ARE
A GOVERNMENT UNDER LAW. THIS MEANS THAT THE ACTIONS OF
ITS ELECTED OFFICIALS, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE ELECTED BY
LANDSLIDES, ARE SUBJECT TO AND ACCOUNTABLE BEFORE THE
LAW...."

"I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE THE LAW IS A
HANDICAP IN THE CONDUCT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. EVEN IF

IT IS, THAT IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE KIND OF COUNTRY AND SOCIETY WE HAVE CHOSEN TO BE, AND I, FOR ONE, WOULD NOT HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY."

"JEANE KIRKPATRICK IMPUGNED THE LOYALTY OF MYSELF AND THE OTHER AMERICANS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PRESENTATION OF NICARAGUA'S CASE BEFORE THE WORLD COURT. IT WOULD BE EASIER TO TAKE LESSONS IN PATRIOTISM FROM SOMEONE WHO HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEAS ON WHICH OUR COUNTRY IS FOUNDED."

EL SALVADOR: EDWARD CODY, PAGE 25 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 10/3 ("EL SALVADOR FREES FOUR GUERRILLAS: RELEASE LINKED TO DUARTE CASE") "THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT HAS FREED FOUR LEFTIST PRISONERS IN AN INTENDED FIRST STEP TOWARD SECURING THE RELEASE OF PRESIDENT DUARTE'S KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER, ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT SOURCES."

THE FOUR, ALL IDENTIFIED WITH THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES, HAD BEEN CAPTURED WITHIN THE LAST THREE WEEKS, "MEANING THEY WERE ARRESTED AFTER THE KIDNAPPING, ACCORDING TO SALVADORAN SOURCES." THE FOUR WERE TURNED OVER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS ON TUESDAY AND RELEASED AT COMALAPA.

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THEIR RELEASE "WAS SEEN AS CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS THAT THE SALVADORAN MILITARY HAS ENDORSED A PRISONER RELEASE TO OBTAIN FREEDOM FOR DUARTE'S DAUGHTER.. "LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED" IN THE EXPECTED PRISONER EXCHANGE "ARE RECENTLY CAPTURED KEY GUERRILLA COMMANDERS SUCH AS NIDIA DIAZ... AND AMERICO MAURO ARAUJO....ONE OF THOSE REPORTEDLY ON THE LIST, JULIP ROMERO TALAVERA, JAILED FOR ARMS SMUGGLING, WAS GRANTED AMNESTY BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY."

"TO DISTANCE HIMSELF FROM DECISIONS ON HIS DAUGHTER'S FATE, DUARTE HAS NAMED A THREE-MAN TEAM TO HANDLE CONTACTS WITH THE KIDNAPPERS...."

MEXICO: ALFONSO CHARDY, KNIGHT-RIDDER, ALSO PAGE 25 FROM MEXICO CITY, 10/3 ("MEXICANS SEARCH FOR CHILD TRAPPED IN RUBBLE; HOPE FADES 14 DAYS AFTER EARTHQUAKE") RESCUERS "CAME WITHIN 10 FEET OF (THE 9-YEAR-OLD BOY) TODAY BEFORE PART OF THE PASSAGEWAY COLLAPSED."

ECUADOR: LOREN JENKINS, PAGE 25 FROM VIENNA, 10/3 ("OPEC FAILS AGAIN TO HEAL QUOTA DISPUTE; "ECUADOR THREATENS TO BOLT GROUP")

(THURSDAY, 10/3 WASHINGTON POST) --

NICARAGUA/SECRETARY'S SPEECH: JOHN GOSHKO, PAGE 5 FROM

NEW YORK 10/2 ("SHULTZ ON US POLICY CONTRASTS; MORALITY
BALANCED WITH REALISM ABOUT S.AFRICA, NICARAGUA")
LEADS: "SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ SAID TONIGHT THAT THE
NEED TO BALANCE MORALITY WITH REALISM EXPLAINS WHY THE US
HAS TAKEN AN UNRELENTING TOUGH STANCE AGAINST COMMUNISM
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IN NICARAGUA WHILE FOLLOWING A SOFTER LINE TOWARD RACIAL
SEGREGATION IN SOUTH AFRICA."

"IN A SPEECH HERE TO THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN
FOREIGN POLICY, SHULTZ DREW A PARALLEL BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES TO ILLUSTRATE HIS ARGUMENT THAT A 'PASSIONATE
COMMITMENT TO MORAL PRINCIPLES WOULD BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR
A SOUND FOREIGN POLICY IN A WORLD OF HARD REALITIES AND
COMPLEX CHOICES."

BESIDES DISCUSSING THE "PHILOSOPHY UNDERLYING PRESIDENT
REAGAN'S FOREIGN POLICY, HE ALSO APPEARED TO BE ANSWERING
CHARGES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS GUILTY OF A
DOUBLE STANDARD IN DEALING WITH THE LEFTIST SANDINISTA
GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA AND THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT
OF SOUTH AFRICA."

"HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATION IS AS COMMITTED TO ENDING
APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AS IT IS TO OVERTURNING
COMMUNISM IN NICARAGUA," BUT "THE SITUATIONS IN THE TWO
COUNTRIES INVOLVE DIFFERENT CHALLENGES TO US INTERESTS
AND THUS MUST BE DEALT WITH DIFFERENTLY."

"SHULTZ CHARACTERIZED THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT AS 'A
MORAL DISASTER' THAT SHOULD BE OPPOSED 'ON BOTH MORAL AND
STRATEGIC GROUNDS.' BUT, HE SAID, 'THERE ARE SOME IN
THIS COUNTRY WHO WOULD DENY THAT AMERICA HAS A STRATEGIC
STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE UNDER
WAY IN NICARAGUA TODAY. CAN WE NOT, THEY ASK ACCEPT THE
EXISTENCE OF THIS REGIME IN OUR HEMISPHERE EVEN IF WE
FIND ITS IDEOLOGY ABHORRENT? MUST WE OPPOSE IT SIMPLY
BECAUSE IT IS COMMUNIST?'"

"THE ANSWER IS WE MUST OPPOSE THE NICARAGUAN DICTATORS
NOT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE COMMUNISTS, BUT BECAUSE THEY
ARE COMMUNISTS WHO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET
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UNION AND ITS CUBAN CLIENT, AND WHO THREATEN PEACE IN
THIS HEMISPHERE," HE CONTINUED."

"HAD THE COMMUNISTS ADOPTED EVEN A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL
POSTURE AFTER THEIR REVOLUTION; HAD THEY NOT THREATENED
THEIR NEIGHBORS, OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN THE REGION,
WITH SUBVERSION AND AGGRESSION; HAD THEY NOT LENT

LOGISTICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO EHT MARXIST-LENINIST GUERRILLAS IN EL SALVADOR -- IN SHORT, HAD THEY NOT BECOME INSTRUMENTS OF SOVIET GLOBAL STRATEGY, THE US WOULD HAVE HAD A LESS CLEAR STRATEGIC INTEREST IN OPPOSING THEM,' HE ASSERTED.

"WALL STREET JOURNAL --

MEXICO: JONATHAN KANDELL FROM MEXICO CITY, THIRD OF SERIES "BORROWED TIME," FRONT PAGE ("NATION IN JEOPARDY: MEXICO CITY'S, ONCE FOSTERED, TURNS INTO ECONOMIC BURDEN; VAST SPRAWL OUTWEIGHS VALUE OF AN INDUSTRIAL CENTER, BUT DISPERSAL IS DIFFICULT; SMOG, DIN AND SHANTYTOWNS")

EL SALVADOR: FRONT PAGE, "WASHINGTON WIRE: A SPECIAL WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL'S CAPITAL BUREAU" ("D'AUBUISSON'S DEPARTURE FROM EL SALVADOR POLITICS CHEERS US OFFICIALS") "THE US EMBASSY QUIETLY PUSHED FOR THE RIGHT-WING LEADER TO STEP DOWN. HIS PERSONAL INDISCRETIONS AND ALLEGED LINKS TO DEATH SQUADS UNDERCUT THE CONSERVATIVE BALANCE THAT US OFFICIALS BELIEVE IS NEEDED TO ATTRACT CAPITAL BACK TO EL SALVADOR. WHILE PRAISING PRESIDENT DUARTE'S EFFORTS TO STAVE OFF REVOLUTION, THEY WORRY THAT HIS LEFTIST POLICIES PREVENT THE ECONOMY FROM REVIVING."

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"THE US HOPE IS THAT A REVISED CONSERVATIVE PARTY CAN CLEAN UP ITS IMAGE AND BEGIN BUILDING A RECORD FOR THE 1989 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. 'WE'D LIKE A LEGITIMATE RIGHT THAT ISN'T LINKED TO D'AUBUISSON,' SAYS A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. THE OFFICIAL SAYS D'AUBUISSON HAS ASSERTED HE WON'T RUN AGAIN FOR PRESIDENT; BUT SOME US CONSERVATIVES PREDICT HE WILL BE BACK."

MEXICO: SERGIO SARMIENTO, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA'S SPANISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS AND A COLUMNIST FOR THE MEXICO CITY DAILY, EL FINANCIERO, OPED PAGE 21 FROM MEXICO CITY ("RECONSTRUCTION OF MEXICO HINGES ON BANK REFORM; FAR FROM PROVIDING THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH GREATER ACCESS TO CREDIT, MEXICO'S NATIONALIZED BANKING SYSTEM HAS BECOME A SELECTIVE FINANCING TOOL")

DEBT: ART PINE, PAGE 24 FROM WASHINGTON ("US WILL URGE IMF, WORLD BANK TO COOPERATE MORE ON GLOBAL DEBT") REHASH OF ARTICLES OF 10/2 AND 10/3.

(THURSDAY, 10/3 WALL STREET JOURNAL) --

DEBT: ART PINE, PAGE 34 FROM WASHINGTON ("US WILL PUSH FOR A LARGER DEALING WITH GLOBAL DEBT ISSUE") ADDS TO WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED ELSEWHERE THE FOLLOWING:

THE ADMINISTRATION IS "RETAINING ITS CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH," WON'T EASE DEMANDS ON BORROWING COUNTRIES, "ISN'T OFFERING COMMERCIAL BANKS ANY SPECIAL BREAKS....THE MAJOR INCENTIVE FOR BANKS TO INCREASE THEIR LENDING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS EXPECTED TO COME FROM THE PROSPECT OF MORE WORLD BANK GUARANTEES FOR SUCH LOANS AND AN IMPROVED ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT IN THE BORROWING COUNTRIES."
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"US OFFICIALS APPARENTLY ARE PREPARED TO WITHHOLD MONEY, IF NECESSARY, TO ENGINEER THE CHANGES THEY'RE SEEKING. AT THE END OF 1986, FOR EXAMPLE, THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S FINANCING MUST BE EXTENDED AND THE US COULD THREATEN TO BLOCK THAT IF THE BANK ISN'T COOPERATIVE."

"AS DISCLOSED EARLIER THIS MONTH, PART OF THE US PLAN INVOLVES A SOMEWHAT WIDER ROLE FOR THE WORLD BANK BOTH IN OVERSEEING CHANGES BY DEBTOR COUNTRIES AND IN HELPING THEM LURE MORE COMMERCIAL LOANS AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT. THE ADMINISTRATION STILL IS EXPECTED TO REJECT CALLS FOR A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE INSTITUTION'S OVERALL LENDING CAPITAL. THE BANK HAS SUGGESTED A RISE OF ABOUT \$40 BILLION OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS."

"IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS YEARS, HOWEVER, THE ADMINISTRATION IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY GO ALONG WITH SUCH A MOVE AS EARLY AS 1987 IF THE BANKS AND DEBTOR COUNTRIES COOPERATE IN ITS NEW INITIATIVE AND IF THE WORLD BANK ITSELF CAN OVERHAUL ITS OWN OPERATIONS SUFFICIENTLY."

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

ARGENTINA: NEWS IN BRIEF, P.2. FROM PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS ("FALKLAND ISLANDERS VOTED FOR A NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY, WITH POLITICAL LEADERS UNITED IN REJECTING LINKS WITH ARGENTINA.

"A 1982 WAR IN WHICH FORCES DEFEATED ARGENTINE INVADERS WAS STILL IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE ELECTION IN
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WHICH THE 1,900 RESIDENTS WERE CERTAIN TO VOTE FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION GUARANTEEING SELF-DETERMINATION."

EL SALVADOR: CHRIS NORTON, P.7 FROM SAN SALVADOR ("SALVADOR'S RELEASE OF FOUR REBELS SEEN AS SIGN OF GOOD FAITH IN NEGOTIATIONS") "THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT HAS RELEASED FOUR OF THE LEFT-WING GUERRILLAS DEMANDED BY

THOSE WHO KIDNAPPED PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER SEPT. 10.

"THE RELEASE, WHICH OCCURRED TUESDAY BUT DIDN'T BECOME KNOWN UNTIL WEDNESDAY NIGHT, IS MEANT AS A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STATED WILLINGNESS TO RELEASE MORE CAPTURED REBELS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF INES GUADALUPE DUART DURAN.

"THE CAPTORS HAVE ASKED FOR THE RELEASE OF A TOTAL OF 34 GUERRILLAS, ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO RELEASE THE 25 IT HAS BUT SAYS IT DOESN'T HAVE THE OTHER NINE. THESE NINE ARE A STICKING POINT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

"GOVERNMENT SOURCES IDENTIFIED THE FOUR GUERRILLAS AS HIGH-RANKING 'INTELLECTUAL' MEMBERS OF ONE OF THE TWO LARGEST GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS, THE POPULAR LIBERATION FORCES (FPL)....

"THE GOVERNMENT MADE A GOODWILL GESTURE TO MS. DUARTE'S CAPTORS MONDAY WHEN IT PARDONED A COSTA RICAN PILOT. THE PILOT WAS CAPTURED IN 1981 AND SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ALLEGEDLY SMUGGLING ARMS FROM NICARAGUA....

"THE GOVERNMENT HASN'T PUBLICLY STATED ITS DEMANDS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT SOURCES SAY THAT, ALONG WITH MS. DUARTE, THE GOVERNMENT WANTS THE RELEASE OF THE 24 MAYORS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING HELD BY THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) GUERRILLAS....
USA TODAY --

EL SALVADOR: WORLD FROM ABROAD, P.5 FROM EL SALVADOR ("EL SALVADOR: 3 RELEASED IN BID TO END KIDNAPPING")
"AT LEAST THREE JAILED REBELS SOUGHT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE HAVE BEEN FLOWN OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED LATE THURSDAY. IT WAS THE LATEST BID TO WIN THE RELEASE OF INES GUADALUPE DAURTE DURAN, 35, ABDUCTED SEPT. 10."

BOLIVIA: WORLD FROM ABROAD, P.5. FROM LA PAZ ("BOLIVIA: 97 RELEASED, MINERS STRIKE ENDS") "MORE THAN 27,000 STRIKING SILVER AND TIN MINERS AGREED THURSDAY TO END A MONTHLONG WALKOUT. THE DECISION CAME AFTER LABOR LEADERS AGREED TO END THE STRIKE IN EXCHANGE FOR FREEING 97 DETAINED UNION MEMBERS."

THE BALTIMORE SUN --

MEXICO: JAMES BOCK, FROM MEXICO CITY, P.3. ("RESCUE TEAM

SEEKS BOY IN MEXICO QUAKE RUBBLE") ".... LAST NIGHT -- 348 HOURS AFTER THE QUAKE -- WORKERS REPORTED THAT THEY WERE STILL IN CONTACT WITH LUIS RAMON NAFARRATE....

"VOLUNTEERS, USING A SENSITIVE LISTENING DEVICE, SAID THE BOY HAD RESPONDED TO THEIR QUESTIONS WITH TAPS ON HIS CONCRETE PRISON. THE GRANDFATHER, LUIS MALDONADO, 57, WHO OWNS A FABRIC STORE NEXT DOOR, IS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN TRAPPED WITH HIM BUT HAS NOT RESPONDED....

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"WE ASKED HIM TO RESPOND WITH ONE TAP IF HE WAS AN ADULT AND TWO TAPS IF HE WAS A CHILD,' MR. MALBRAN SAID. 'HE ANSWERED WITH TWO TAPS.'

"THE VOLUNTEER SAID LUIS RAMON HAD INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO TALK OR MOVE, THAT HE WAS LYING FACE UP AND THAT HE WAS NOT IN PAIN...."

NICARAGUA: AP STORY FROM WASHINGTON, P.23. ("CONTRAS' ASSAIL U.S. CHOICE FOR AID") "AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT PREPARES TO HAND OUT \$27 MILLION IN NON-LETHAL AID TO NICARAGUAN GUERRILLAS, SEVERAL REBEL LEADERS ARE DENOUNE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO FUNNEL THE AID THROUGH A NEWLY CREATED 'UNITY' GROUP.

"THE LEADERS CONTEND THAT THE DECISION AMOUNTS TO AN ATTEMPT TO SUBJUGATE THEIR FACTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC FORCE, THE LARGEST REBEL ARMY AND THE ONE MOST CLOSELY TIED TO THE UNITED STATES.

"U.S. OFFICIALS SAY THE REBEL AID WILL BE CHanneled THROUGH THE UNITED NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION....

"THE OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT ONE U.S. GOAL WAS TO CONVINCE THE SPLINTERED REBEL MOVEMENT TO CONSOLIDATE.

"EVERYONE WOULD THINK THAT A UNIFIED RESISTANCE IS A MORE EFFECTIVE RESISTANCE,' SAID ONE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL.

"I DON'T SEE (UNITED NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION) AS A LEGITIMATE GROUP,' SAID MISURA INDIAN REBEL LEADER TEOFIL ARCHIBALD WILSON. 'THEY WANT TO CONTROL OUR MOVEMENT, SO THEY PLAY GAMES WITH THE AID....'

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"MISURA LEADER CHARLES HODGSON PREDICTED THAT IF THE US.-BACKED FACTION ACHIEVED DOMINANCE IN THE ANTI-SANDINISTA MOVEMENT, 'WE ARE GOING RIGHT BACK TO DICTATORSHIP.'"

THE WASHINGTON TIMES --

NICARAGUA: P.3. ("ORTEGA VISIT") "NICARAGUA PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SOMETIME THIS MONTH. NO DATE WAS GIVEN IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT. NICARAGUAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THEY KNEW HE WAS PLANNING TO COME TO WASHINGTON BUT THEY HAD NO SPECIFICS. ANTI-SANDINISTA REBEL SOURCES SAID THEY WERE AWARE MR. ORTEGA WOULD BE IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 20 AND PLANS TO VISIT HERE, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW THE EXACT DATE, EITHER."

NICARAUGA: AP STORY, P.4. ("CONTRAS OBJECT TO U.S. PLAN TO SEND AID VIA SINGLE GROUP")

EL SALVADOR: FOREIGN/BRIEFLY/AMERICAS, P.6. FROM SAN SALVADOR ("MOVEMENT ON DUARTE'S DAUGHTER") "FOUR OR MORE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO THE RS AND TAKEN TO A REBEL-HELD AREA, APPARENTLY AS PART OF AN EXCHANGE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER, SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY.

"GOVERNMENT AND RED CROSS SPOKESMEN WOULD NOT RESPOND TO THE REPORTS THAT THE PRISONERS, APPARENTLY RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR INES GUADALUPE DUARTE DURAN, WERE TAKEN TO REBEL TERRITORY IN CHALATENANGO PROVINCE. THE REPORTS CAME FROM UNOFFICIAL BUT KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES WHO SPOKE ON CONDITIONAL OF ANONYMITY."

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ARGENTINA: FOREIGN/BRIEFLY/AMERICAS, P.6. FROM PORT STANLEY, THE FALKLANDS ("FALKLANDERS REJECT ARGENTINA") "FALKLAND ISLANDERS VOTED FOR A NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY WITH POLITICAL LEADERS UNITED IN REJECTING LINKS WITH ARGENTINA...."

MEXICO: FOREIGN/BRIEFLY/AMERICAS, P.6. FROM MEXICO ("RESCUERS NEAR TRAPPED BOY")

ARGENTINA: TIMOTHY O'LEARY, P.7. FROM BUENOS AIRES ("ARGENTINE EX-LEADER TESTIFIES") "RETIRED ADM. EMILIO MASSERA, A FORMER MILITARY JUNTA LEADER WHO IS FACING A POSSIBLE LIFE SENTENCE FOR ALLEGED CRIMES COMMITTED DURING THE SO-CALLED 'DIRTY WAR' AGAINST LEFTIST SUBVERSION, TESTIFIED YESTERDAY HE REFUSED TO DEFEND HIMSELF FOR HAVING FOUGHT AND WON A 'JUST WAR....'

"ADM. MASSERA IS CHARGED WITH 83 COUNTS OF HOMICIDE, 504 OF ILLEGAL DETENTION, 254 OF TORTURE, 94 OF LARCENY, 180 OF PERJURY, FOUR OF USURPATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, 23 OF FORCED SERVITUDE, ONE OF EXTORTION, TWO OF KIDNAPPING FOR RANSOM, ONE OF WITHHOLDING DOCUMENTS, SEVEN OF KIDNAPPING OF CHILDREN AND SEVEN OF TORTURE FOLLOWED BY DEATH...."

ADM. MASSERA SAID HE WOULD 'ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ERRORS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN COMMITTED.'

"I FEEL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT NOT GUILT BECAUSE I AM NOT GUILTY,' HE SAID.

"WE WERE CONVINCED THAT WE WERE DEFENDING THE NATION -- THAT OUR COMPATRIOTS NOSUPPORTED US, BUT PUSHED US ON TO VICTORY BECAUSE IT WAS THE TRIUMPH OF ALL,' HE SAID...."

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CUBA: CORD MEYER, COMMENTARY, P.1&2D ("RADIO MARTI'S CHALLENGE") "AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF BROADCASTING BY RADIO MARTI TO ITS CUBAN LISTENERS, THE RADIO'S RESEARCH STAFF HAS COMPLETED ITS FIRST-IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS WITH SEVERAL CUBANS RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE U.S. WHO HAD HAD A CHANCE TO HEAR THE PROGRAMS OVER A ONE-TO-THREE-MONTH PERIOD BEFORE THEY LEFT CUBA...."

"IN SPITE OF LOW-LEVEL JAMMING AND SOME HARASSMENT BY POLICE OFFICALS, RADIO MARTI'S RESEARCH STAFF CONCLUDES, 'EVERY REPORT INDICATES THAT RADIO MARTI DAILY DRAWS A WIDE AUDIENCE IN CUBA, PERHAPS GREATER THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER STATION BROADCASTING FROM INSIDE OR OUTSIDE CUBA, CUTTING ACROSS DISTINCTIONS OF SEX, AGE, AND OCCUPATION.....'

"AS RADIO MARTI INCREASED THE NUMBER AND RELIABILITY OF ITS SOURCES, IT IS ALREADY FORCING THE CUBAN REGIME INTO MORE OPEN AND PROMPT HANDLING OF THE NEWS. IN TIME, THIS RADIO PROMISES TO CREATE AN INFORMED CUBAN OPINION THAT WILL LIMIT CASTRO'S ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN COSTLY FOREIGN ADVENTURES.

"LAST WEEK, A SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED FAVORABLY ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST FOR AN \$11.5 MILLION BUDGET FOR RADIO MARTI IN FISCAL 1986.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TV NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS, OCTOBER 3, 1985:

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- AFTERMATH

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SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO A BRIGADIER GENERAL ON THE STAFF OF SECDEF AREVALO GARDOQUI THE UPPER ECHELONS OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ARE VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE LIMITED ROLE ACCORDED THE MILITARY FOLLOWING THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES. SOURCE TOLD POLOFF THAT, IN PARTICULAR, THE MILITARY IS PARTICULARLY MIFFED AT ITS UNEXPECTED DE FACTO SUBORDINATION TO THE SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT (SG) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT (DDF) IN QUAKE-RELATED OPERATIONS. END SUMMARY.

3. UNDER THE NATION'S STANDING DISASTER RELIEF PLAN, KNOWN AS DN - III-E, THE SECDEF SHOULD HAVE ASSUMED THE LEAD ROLE IN ALL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITH
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OTHER SECRETARIATS SUBORDINATED TO HIM. INSTEAD, SOURCE EXPLAINED, THE SECDEF HAS BEEN RELEGATED TO ONLY BEING A PARTICIPANT IN THE INTER-SECRETARIAL COMMISSION DEALING WITH THE QUAKE. FURTHERMORE, CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE OVERALL CONTROL OF OPERATIONS. SOURCE INDICATED THAT THIS HAS LED TO PARTICULARLY TENSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE INTER-SECRETARIAL COMMISSION'S TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT HEADED BY SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT, JORGE CARRILLO OLEA. (CARRILLO OLEA IS AN ARMY COLONEL WHO HAS BEEN DETAILED FOR SOME TIME TO SG. RELATIONS

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BETWEEN CARRILLO AND AREVALE HAVE NEVER BEEN WARM.)

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4. SOURCE WAS VERY CRITICAL ON THE CIVILIANS HANDLING OF RELIEF AND RESCUE OPERATIONS. HE COMPLAINED THAT NOBODY KNEW WHO WAS DOING WHAT, AND WHERE GREATER ATTENTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOCUSED. THERE WAS A REAL ABSENCE OF COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS. A SITUATION WHICH HE ALLEGED WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IF THE MILITARY WAS IN CHARGE.

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COMMENT:

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5. NOT TO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN CHARGE OF RESCUE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS WAS CERTAINLY A BLOW TO THE MILITARY'S PRESTIGE. BUT PROGRESSIONAL JEALOUSY ALONE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR MILITARY CRITICISM OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CIVILIANS. AS SOURCE CORRECTLY POINTED OUT THE RELIEF EFFORT HAS BEEN POORLY COORDINATED. THE FACT THAT THE MILITARY WAS NOT MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE LONG RUN MAY ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO EMERGE FROM THE POST-QUAKE PERIOD WITHOUT HAVING ITS COMPETENCY SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED. IT IS LESS CLEAR WHETHER THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL
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DISTRICT AND THE SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT CAN ALSO EMERGE UNSCATHED.

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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT ACTION IN DEALING
- WITH AFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKES

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SUMMARY

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1. SINCE THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS HELD
NUMEROUS MEETINGS, ESTABLISHED COORDINATING MECHANISMS
AND UNDERTAKEN A VARIETY OF ACTIONS TO DEAL WITH THE
QUAKES' CONSEQUENCES. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30,
THE GOM PUBLISHED IN THE MEDIA, ON THREE DAYS, ANNOUNCE-
MENTS OUTLINING THESE ACTIONS. THE FOLLOWING IS A
COMPILATION OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THESE THREE REPORTS.
END SUMMARY.

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2. THE FIRST REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 30 WAS A JOINT MESSAGE
ISSUED BY ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO RE-
ESTABLISH NORMALCY. THE SECOND WAS ISSUED ON OCTOBER 2
BY THE COMISION METROPOLITANA DE EMERGENCIA, HEADED BY
THE REGENT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, RAMON AGUIRRE
VELASQUEZ. THESE INITIAL REPORTS WERE UPDATED BY A
SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCEMENT ON OCT. 3. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THESE
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REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: FOR THE SAKE OF CLARITY AND BREV-
ITY, WE HAVE MERGED ACCORDING TO SUBJECT THE VARIOUS
ELEMENTS OF THE THREE REPORTS.

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COORDINATING MECHANISMS

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3. TWO PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATIONS WERE FORMED TO DEAL WITH
THE AFTERMATH OF THE QUAKES.

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4. THE COMISION NACIONAL DE EMERGENCIA (CNE) WAS CREATED TO COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF TRE GOVERNMENT, BOTH IN MEXICO CITY AND OTHER AFFECTED ZONES. IT IS HEADED BY THE SECRETARIAT OF GOVERNMENT (SG) AND IS COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SECRETARIATS OF DEFENSE, NAVY, PROGRAM AND BUDGET (SPP), COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT (SCT), COMMERCE (SECOFI), URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ECOLOGY (SEDUE), HEALTH (SS), EDUCATION (SEP), AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT (DDF). UNDER THE CNE'S JURISDICTION, THERE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THE COMISION PARA EVALUCION DE DANOS HUMANOS Y MATERIALES (COMMISSION FOR THE EVALUATION OF HUMAN AND MATERIAL DAMAGES). THIS COMMISSION IS JOINTLY MANAGED BY THE SECRETARIATS OF GOVERNMENT AND DEFENSE AND SERVES AS A CLEARING HOUSE WHEREBY ALL FEDERAL AND STATE ENTITIES ARE TO REPORT ON THE COST OF THE QUAKES.

5. SUBORDINATE TO THE CNE IS THE COMISION METROPOLITANA DE EMERGENCIA (CME) HEADED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. (AT TIMES THIS ORGANIZATION IS CALLED THE COMISION INTERSECRETARIAL PARA AUXILIO DE LA ZONA METROPOLITANA). ITS TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT IS COMPOSED

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OF THE STAFF OF THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT, JORGE CARRILLO OLEA. AFFILIATED TO THE CME COMMISSION ARE A NUMBER OF AD HOC WORKING GROUPS INCLUDING:

-- WORKING GROUP FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELOCATION OF AFFECTED GOVERNMENT OFFICES WHICH IN ADDITION TO FINDING OFFICE SPACE IS TASKED SPECIFICALLY TO ADHERE TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECENTRALIZATION GOALS. THE GROUP IS CHAIRED BY SPP AND CONSISTS OF MEMBERS FROM SG, SEDUE AND DDF.

-- FUND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AFFECTED AREAS. IT IS A MIXED COMMITTEE HEADED JOINTLY BY SPP AND SHCP. ITS MEMBERS ARE CHOSEN FROM THE PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND SOCIAL SECTORS.

-- WORKING GROUP FOR RESCUE AND SAFEKEEPING OF FEDERAL RECORDS. THIS GROUP IS BY SPP AND HAS PARTICIPATION FROM ALL SECRETARIATS.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS

6. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL AND METROPOLITAN COMMISSIONS, DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN HOLDING MEETINGS ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.

7. ON SEPTEMBER 20 PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID (MMH) CHAIRED

A MEETING OF THE CNE AT WHICH TASKS WERE LOOSELY DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND EMERGENCY ACTIONS. THIS THREE PART SCHEME WAS USED IN ALL SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

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(A) POLITICAL

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THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH:

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-- GOVERNMENT DECREED THAT THE RESCUING OF SURVIVORS HAD
-- PRIORITY ABOVE ALL OTHER ACTION.

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-- CONGRESS WAS DIRECTED TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION TO
-- CONFRONT THE CRISIS. (DISCUSSED LATER)

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-- THE GOVERNMENT WAS DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS
-- WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. (AN UNUSUAL MOVE FOR THE GOM,
-- AND WAS PROBABLY DONE TO ENLIST CHURCH SUPPORT FOR
-- RELIEF EFFORTS AND CONTROLLING THE POPULATION.)

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-- THE SECRETARIAT OF GOVERNMENT DECLARED THAT CONDITIONS
-- DO NOT WARRANT THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

-- WHICH LIKELY WOULD HAVE ENTAILED THE SUSPENSION OF
-- SOME CIVIL LIBERTIES.

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-- OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, THE GOVERNMENT DECREED
-- THAT THE INDIVIDUAL STATES WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF RELIEF
-- AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. FEDERAL
-- AUTHORITIES WOULD ONLY PLAY A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE TO
-- STATE EFFORTS.

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-- THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO JAPAN WAS POSTPONED.

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-- THE SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS (SRE) WAS
-- DIRECTED TO INFORM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT MEXICO
-- WAS ACCEPTING FOREIGN AID. (INITIALLY IT WAS ANNOUNCED
-- THAT SUCH AID WAS DED.)

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8. IN LINE WITH THE EXECUTIVE'S MANDATE TO TAKE ACTION
TO CONFRONT THE CRISIS, THE MEXICAN CONGRESS HAS TAKEN
THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

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-- THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DECREED THAT, AS THE DIRECT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE, IT WILL, THROUGH THE
FORMATION OF A MULTI-PARTY COMMISSION, CHANNEL THE
REQUESTS FOR HELP RECEIVED FROM CONSTITUENTS TO THE
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. FURTHERMORE, THE LOWER CHAMBER
DEVELOPED FIVE LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES.

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-- CREATE AN EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM BY REDIRECTING
-- PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED RESOURCES TO QUAKE VICTIMS.
-- (WE UNDERSTAND THAT HOUSING IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED
-- DIRECTLY BY THE QUAKE VICTIMS WITH THE GOVERNMENT
-- PROVIDING MATERIAL, TOOLS, AND SUPERVISION.)

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-- STRENGTHEN BUILDING CODES.

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-- DEVISE LEGISLATION FOR IMPROVED URBAN PLANNING WHICH
-- WILL GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO ECOLOGY AND DECENTRAL-
-- IZATION.

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-- FORMULATE LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH QUAKE-RELATED
-- UNEMPLOYMENT.

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-- CONTINUE TO PURSUE GOAL OF THE DECENTRALIZATION OF
-- NATIONAL LIFE.

-- THE SENATE FOR ITS PART WILL PURSUE THE SAME LEGISLATIVE GOALS AS THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. IN ADDITION, IT IS TASKED WITH PROVIDING A SUPPORT AND ADVISORY ROLE TO THE COMISION NACIONAL DE EMERGENCIA (CNE).

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(B) ECONOMIC

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THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS RELATED TO ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN:

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-- ON SEPTEMBER 20, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT WITH THE
-- EXCEPTION OF FACILITIES DIRECTLY DAMAGED BY THE QUAKES
-- THE NATIONAL BANKING SYSTEM WAS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY.
-- SHCP AND THE BANK OF MEXICO ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 23
-- A GUARANTEE THAT THE PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO BE ABLE
-- TO CARRY OUT ALL NORMAL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. (THIS
-- WAS PROBABLY DONE TO AVOID ANY FINANCIC OR
-- INCREASED CAPITAL FLIGHT.)
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-- SECOFI WAS ORDERED ON SEPTEMBER 27 TO MONITOR CONSUMER
-- PRICES AND TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THOSE FOUND

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- TAKING UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF THE POST-QUAKE SITUATION.
- SECOFI ALSO GRANTED AN AUTOMATIC THREE-MONTH EXTENSION
- ON ALL IMPORT PERMITS WHICH EXPIRE BETWEEN SEPT. 1
- AND OCTOBER 31.

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- THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND PUBLIC CREDIT (SHCP)
- WAS DIRECTED ON SEPTEMBER 27 TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH
- THE IMF, WORLD BANK, INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK,
- AND THE UNITED STATES TO DETERMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
- THE AMOUNT OF EXISTING CREDIT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND
- THE PROBABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AID.

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- THE SECRETARY OF TOURISM (SECTUR) ANNOUNCED ON
- SEPTEMBER 27 THE CREATION OF A 15 BILLION PESO CREDIT
- FUND FOR THE REPAIR AND REBUILDING OF HOTELS. THE
- SECRETARY OF TOURISM WAS ALSO DIRECTED TO TRAVEL
- ABROAD TO EXPLAIN THE "REALITY" OF THE TOURISM SITUATION
- TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES.

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- IT WAS ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 23 THAT ALL DOMESTIC AND
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- INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS FOR AID AND RECONSTRUCTION
- SHOULD BE DEPOSITED IN AN ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED BY
- NAFINSA.

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- THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY, MINES, AND PARASTATALS
- ANNOUNCED THAT THE FACILITIES OF THE NATION'S PARA-
- STATALS WERE ONLY SLIGHTLY AFFECTED BY THE QUAKES.
- IT WAS ALSO ANNTHAT THE COUNTRY'S PETROLEUM
- RESERVES AND THE OIL PARASTATAL FACILITIES WERE INTACT.

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- (C) EMERGENCY ACTIONS

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- THE TREATMENT OF THE VARIOUS REPORTS ON THIS TOPIC WAS
- DEVOTED LARGELY TO DESCRIBING ACTIONS FOR RESCUING VICTIMS,
- RE-ESTABLISHING BASIC SERVICES, AND ASSESSING THE MATERIAL
- AND HUMAN COSTS OF THE DISASTER. (DRAFTED:POL:MLKRUGER,
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DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 22-28 DR. METE SOZEN, FBO CONTRACT ENGINEER CHECKED SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OWNED AND GOVERNMENT LEASED BUILDINGS. ALTHOUGH DR. SOZEN PROVIDED VERBAL COMMENTS ON THE STRUCTURAL CONDITION OF SAFE AND DAMAGED BUILDINGS, HE DID NOT LEAVE AN IN DEPTH REPORT AT THE EMBASSY.

POST REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING THE RECEIPT OF DR. SOZEN'S IN DEPTH REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNED AND USG LEASED BUILDINGS AS WELL AS APARTMENTS PRIVATELY LEASED BY U.S. EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY. THIS REPORT IS IMMEDIATELY NEEDED TO EXPLAIN FURTHER TO PERSONNEL WHY THEY MUST RELOCATE FROM UNSAFE BUILDINGS. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: MORE ON FINANCIAL COSTS AND SOURCES OF
-- FINANCING OF RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS FROM
-- THE EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO

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2. SUMMARY. FROM THE INFORMATION OBTAINED OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT THE TOTAL FINANCIAL COSTS TO THE COUNTRY OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 EARTHQUAKES WILL BE ABOUT \$3.5 BILLION. NEARLY \$1.6 BILLION WOULD BE COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE REST FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S OWN RESOURCES. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MEET THESE COSTS WHILE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS IN DEALING WITH OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE ECONOMY, CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTABLY INFLATION, THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEFICIT, AND THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. END SUMMARY.

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3. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO REFINE SOME OF OUR ORIGINAL ESTIMATES OF THE COST OF RECONSTRUCTION FROM THE EARTHQUAKES. THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE COSTS AND SOURCES OF FINANCING INVOLVED. THE MAJOR ASSUMPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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-- OF THE 750 BUILDINGS WHICH WERE DESTROYED OR WILL HAVE

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TO BE DESTROYED IN MEXICO CITY, ABOUT 500 WILL BE REPLACED EITHER IN THE CAPITAL OR ELSEWHERE. THIS ASSUMPTION IS REASONABLE BE MANY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES HAVE ALREADY RELOCATED IN THE EXCESS OFFICE SPACE WHICH MEXICO CITY HAD PRIOR TO THE EARTHQUAKES. AN ADDITIONAL 350 BUILDINGS IN THE CAPITAL AND IXTAPA WILL HAVE TO BE REPAIRED.

-- THE AVERAGE SIZE OF THE NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE 10 STORIES OR 50,000 SQUARE FEET. IT WILL COST 40 U.S. CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT TO DESTROY DAMAGED BUILDINGS STILL STANDING, 50 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT TO CLEAN UP, AND \$70.00 PER SQUARE FOOT TO PUT UP NEW BUILDINGS. THE AVERAGE COST OF A NEW BUILDING, THEN, WOULD BE \$3.2 MILLION. THE AVERAGE COST OF REPAIRING DAMAGED BUILDINGS WOULD BE \$500 THOUSAND.

-- SECRETARY SILVA-HERZOG HAS ESTIMATED THE LOST TOURISM RECEIPTS AT ABOUT \$300 MILLION.

-- THE IMF WILL BE PROVIDING ABOUT \$300 MILLION IN DISASTER RELIEF OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THE WORLD BANK AND IDB AT LEAST \$100 MILLION EACH. THIS WOULD MEET
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THE \$500 MILLION WHICH THE COUNTRY WILL NEED OVER THE NEXT 3-4 MONTHS TO BEGIN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS.

-- THE AUTHORITIES WILL DECIDE TO REPAIR RATHER THAN COMPLETELY REPLACE MEXICO CITY'S WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

-- MOST OF THE HOUSING AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKES WAS LOW TO MEDIUM INCOME HOUSING. NOT ALL OF IT WILL BE REPLACED BECAUSE ALREADY EXISTING QUARTERS CAN MEET SOME OF THE NEEDS. FURTHERMORE, MANY OF THE STRUCTURES SERIOUSLY DAMAGED WERE APARTMENTS AND THESE ARE INCLUDED IN THE COST ESTIMATES FOR REPLACEMENT OF BUILDINGS.

-- FINANCIAL COSTS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING
(MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS)

REPLACEMENT OF BUILDINGS (IN MEXICO CITY AND ELSEWHERE)	1,600
DEMOLITION AND CLEAN UP COSTS	214
REFURBISHING OF 350 BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN THE EARTHQUAKES	175
LOST TOURISM RECEIPTS	300
HOUSING	200

REPAIR OF MEXICO CITY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM 500
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REPLACEMENT OF LOST TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT 500

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TOTAL 3,489

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FINANCING

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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

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 -- BILATERAL AID FROM THE U.S. (INCLUDING
 -- DONATIONS FROM STATES AND PRIVATE SOURCES) 150

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 -- IMF 300

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-- WORLD BANK AND IDB 550
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 -- BILATERAL AID FROM OTHER SOURCES 50
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 INSURANCE COMPANIES 540
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 MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S OWN RESOURCES 1,899
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 TOTAL 3,489

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 4. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT MOST OF THE GOVERN-
 MENT OUTLAYS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS WILL TAKE
 PLACE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THE \$1.9 BILLION WHICH
 WOULD COME FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN RESOURCES REPRESENTS
 APPROXIMATELY 0.5 PERCENT OF COMBINED GDP FOR 1986 AND
 1987. CONSIDERING THAT THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEFICIT AS A
 RATIO TO GDP IS EXPECTED TO BE AT LEAST 8 PERCENT THIS
 YEAR, THE EFFECT OF THESE ADDIT BUDGETARY REQUIRE-
 MENTS IS RELATIVELY SMALL. MOREOVER, AT LEAST A PORTION
 OF THE FUNDS SHOULD COME FROM REPROGRAMMING OTHER PARTS
 OF THE BUDGET. THE REMAINDER WOULD INVOLVE PRINTING NEW
 MONEY BUT THE EFFECTS ON THE BUDGET DEFICIT AND INFLATION
 SHOULD BE QUITE LIMITED. FURTHERMORE, THE EFFECT ON THE
 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WOULD NOT BE GREAT BECAUSE MOST OF
 THE IMPORTS REQUIRED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS WOULD
 BE FINANCED BY CONCESSIONARY BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL
 ASSISTANCE.

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 5. ALL IN ALL, THEN, MEXICO SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A
 PROGRAM WITH THE IMF WHICH WILL ALLOW IT TO REBUILD FROM
 THE EARTHQUAKES BUT STILL MAKE GOOD PROGRESS OVER THE
 NEXT FEW YEARS IN ITS ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM.
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- EARTHQUAKES

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SUMMARY

1. THE MEXICAN LABOR SECRETARIAT WAS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT
MINISTRIES WHICH SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF
THE SEPTEMBER 19-20 EARTHQUAKES, WITH ONE OF ITS MAIN
BUILDINGS HAVING COLLAPSED AND TRAPPED AND KILLED SOME
EMPLOYEES IN THE RUBBLE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE APPARENTLY
NO PLANS TO MOVE THIS MINISTRY OUT OF MEXICO CITY IN
THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENTLY ANNOUNCED DECENTRALIZATION
EFFORTS. THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ALSO SUFFERED DAMAGE
TO MANY OF ITS BUILDINGS, ALTHOUGH THE MAIN CTM
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING SUFFERED ONLY MINOR COSMETIC
DAMAGE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE WORST
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HIT AREAS AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT MANY HOTELS AND
APARTMENT AND OFFICE BUILDINGS WHICH SURROUND THE
CTM HEADQUARTERS COLLAPSED. NOT SO LUCKY WAS THE
ISSSTE GOVERNMENT HEALTH WORKERS UNION HEADQUARTERS,
WHICH 14-STORY NEW BUILDING LOOKS LIKE IT WAS HIT BY
A BOMBING RAID AND WITH PART OF THE BUILDING LOOKING
LIKE IT MAY COLLAPSE. THAT UNION BUILDING HAS NOT BEEN
ENTERED SINCE THE FIRST QUAKE, AND WILL PROBABLY
HO BE DOMOLISHED. MEANWHILE, THE AFL-CIO HAS
LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO ITS AFFILIATES FOR A SPECIAL

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EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION FUND FOR THE CTM, WITH AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS CONTRIBUTING \$25,000 TO THAT FUND.

2. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EARTHQUAKES, CTM SECRETARY GENERAL FIDEL VELAZQUEZ HAS TAKEN A RESPONSIBLE AND MODERATE PUBLIC POSITION ON LABOR ISSUES AFFECTED BY THE QUAKES. HE HAS, INTER ALIA, A) SAID THE CTM WILL POSTPONE ITS RECENT DEMAND FOR AN EMERGENCY WAGE INCREASE AND AN UNPRECEDENTED THIRD ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE; B) STATED THERE IS NO DANGER OF SOCIAL DISTURBANCES IN MEXICO AS A RESULT OF THE QUAKES; C) DESCRIBED THE CTM'S ACTIVITIES IN RESCUE AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE USE OF 3,500 CTM TRUCKS IN RUBBLE REMOVAL, THE DONATION OF 10 PERCENT OF CTM MEMBERS' UNION DUES TO THE GOVERNMENT'S RECONSTRUCTION FUND, AND THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF ONE DAY'S PAY FOR EACH CTM MEMBER TO THAT FUND; AND D) APPEALED FOR GOVERNMENT SOFT CREDITS TO WORKERS AND TO SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES. AFTER AN OCTOBER 5 MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF LABOR, THE LATTER'S PRESIDENT, ANGEL OLIVO SOLIS, ALONG WITH FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, CALLED FOR FLEXIBILITY BY THE IMF IN THE RENEGOTIATION OF MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT. OLIVO SOLIS ALSO SAID HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD NOT YET ISSUE STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED THAT RESULTED FROM THE QUAKES, AND ADDED THAT ORGANIZED LABOR DOES NOT WANT MEXICO TO ACCEPT MORE FOREIGN LOANS BUT IT RECOGNIZES, NONETHELESS, THAT FOREIGN HELP AND FRESH SOURCES OF FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT.

3. MEXICO CITY'S GARMENT INDUSTRY, LOCATED IN ONE OF THE MOST AFFECTED AREAS OF THE CITY, HAD MANY OF ITS SMALL CLOTHING FACTORIES COLLAPSE IN PILES OF RUBBLE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 1,300 SUCH SMALL CLOTHING FACTORIES WERE EITHER DESTROYED OR CLOSED BY THE Q, LEAVING 40,000 GARMENT WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS. VARIOUS OTHER BUSINESS ENTITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY ALSO SUFFERED DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION, LEAVING NUMEROUS OTHER WORKERS UNEMPLOYED, SOME TEMPORARILY AND OTHERS PERMANENTLY. WORKERS IN THE TOURISM SECTOR WILL BE HARD HIT, DUE TO THE DESTRUCTION AND EVACUATION OF A NUMBER OF MEXICO CITY HOTELS AS WELL AS OF HOTELS IN THE PACIFIC COAST RESORT OF IXTAPA/ZIHUATANEJO. ONE SECTOR WHICH WILL LIKELY BENEFIT FROM INCREASED EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF THE QUAKES IS THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, WHICH MAY EXPERIENCE SOMETHING OF A BOOM IN COMING MONTHS. ONE LOCATION WHICH WAS JUST OFF THE EPICENTER OF THE EARTHQUAKES WAS PUERTO LAZARO CARDENAS, WHERE MEXICO'S LARGEST STEEL MILL IS LOCATED AND WHERE 5,400 PRODUCTION WORKERS HAD JUST GONE BACK TO WORK AFTER MORE THAN A MONTH-LONG

STRIKE WHEN THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE HIT. ON OCTOBER 6, A GROUP OF MARXIST-ORIENTED INDEPENDENT UNIONS MET AND PASSED A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO EITHER SUSPEND, DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON, OR CANCEL ALTOGETHER MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT AND TO USE THE MONIES WHICH SUPPOSEDLY WOULD BE FREED FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION, A POSITION AT ODDS WITH BOTH THE GOM'S AND THE MAINSTREAM MEXICAN LABOR MOVEMENT'S

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4. THE MEXICAN LABOR SECTOR, LIKE VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER
AREAS, WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE TWO SEVERE EARTH-
QUAKES WHICH HIT MEXICO CITY AND CERTAIN OTHER PARTS
OF MEXICO ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20.

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LABOR MINISTRY SUFFERS COLLAPSE OF MAJOR BUILDING AND

DEATH IN RUBBLE OF VARIOUS EMPLOYEES

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5. ON THE GOVERNMENT LABOR SIDE, THE LABOR AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT WAS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES
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WHICH SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN THE QUAKES. ONE OF
THE PRINCIPAL LABOR MINISTRY BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN
MEXICO COLLAPSED. ALTHOUGH IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT THE
FIRST EARTHQUAKE TOOK PLACE AT 7:19 A.M. ON THE MORNING

ON SEPTEMBER 19, BEFORE MOST LABOR MINISTRY PERSONNEL WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TO WORK, THERE WERE STILL A SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE LABOR MINISTRY BUILDING AT THE TIME WHO WERE TRAPPED AND BURIED IN THE RUBBLE, MOST OF WHOM DIED THERE. THESE WERE PRIMARILY BUILDING CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES THE LABOR MINISTRY PRESS OFFICE WHO ALWAYS ARRIVED AT WORK AT A VERY EARLY HOUR IN THE MORNING TO COMMENCE THEIR ACTIVITIES. MIRACULOUSLY, ABOUT FIVE DAYS AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THAT BUILDING, RESCUE WORKERS FOUND AND PULLED OUT OF THE RUBBLE TWO LABOR MINISTRY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE STILL ALIVE. THAT COLLAPSED BUILDING, LOCATED ON DR. VERTIZ STREET, HAD UP UNTIL A YEAR AND A HALF AGO BEEN THE MAIN LABOR SECRETARIAT BUILDING IN WHICH THE LABOR SECRETARY AND HIS TOP AIDES HAD ALSO HAD THEIR OFFICES. FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE LABOR SECRETARY AND HIS TOP AND KEY STAFF HAD A YEAR AND A HALF AGO MOVED TO A NEW BUILDING IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS, AND THE STURDY NEW BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED ON TOP OF SOLID BED ROCK, WAS NOT DAMAGED AT ALL IN THE EARTHQUAKE. DESPITE THE COLLAPSE OF ONE OF ITS MAIN BUILDINGS, AND OF SOME SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO OTHER LABOR MINISTRY LABOR BUILDINGS SCATTERED AROUND THE CITY, THE LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FEW GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES OF WHICH THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION, SUGGESTION, NOR SPECULATION THAT IT BE MOVED OUTSIDE OF MEXICO CITY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO DECENTRALIZE THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKES.

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CTM TRADE UNION HEADQUARTERS SUSTAINED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE

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6. THE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING OF THE CTM, MEXICO'S PRINCIPAL LABOR CONFEDERATION, IS LOCATED ON THE PLAZA DE LA REPUBLICA IN ONE OF THE AREAS OF DOWNTOWN MEXICO CITY MOST HEAVILY DAMAGED BY THE EARTHQUAKES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT, HOWEVER, THAT SEVERAL NEIGHBORING APARTMENT BUILDINGS, HOTELS, AND OFFICE BUILDINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE ONE-TWO BLOCK VICINITY OF THE CTM HEADQUARTERS COLLAPSED, TRAPPING AND KILLING MANY PERSONS IN THEIR RUBBLE, THE CTM BUILDING ITSELF SUFFERED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. THE CTM HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS A MASSIVE AND SOLIDLY-CONSTRUCTED MODERN BUILDING COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS. PLASTER ON MANY OF THE CTM'S WALLS WAS SHAKEN LOOSE AND WATER PIPES AND ELEVATORS WERE DAMAGED SUFFICIENTLY SO THAT THE ELEVATORS ARE STILL NOT WORKING AND WATER SUPPLY IS STILL ERRATIC. THE CTM BUILDING, HOWEVER, AFTER A VISIT ON THE DAY OF THE EARTHQUAKE BY CTM

LEADER FIDEL VELAZQUEZ ACCOMPANIED BY BUILDING ENGINEERS, WAS PRONOUNCED STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND CTM OFFICES (AS WELL AS THOSE OF ORIT, THE INTER-AMERICAN AFFILIATE OF THE ICFTU, WHICH IS ALSO LOCATED IN THE CTM BUILDING) HAVE REMAINED OPEN AND CONTINUED FUNCTIONING NORMALLY SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE.

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BADLY DAMAGED HEALTH WORKERS UNION BUILDING LIKELY TO

HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED

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7. REPORTEDLY, THE HEADQUARTERS IN MEXICO CITY OF MOST CTM AFFILIATE UNIONS ALSO DID NOT SUFFER MAJOR DAMAGE,

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ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS THE CTM HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION WHOSE OFFICES WERE HEAVILY DAMAGED IN THE QUAKE AND RENDERED UNUSABLE. SOME UNIONS OUTSIDE THE CTM, HOWEVER, NOTABLY IN THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE UNION SECTOR WHO BELONG TO THE 1,600,000 MEMBER FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION, OR FSTSE, WERE NOT SO LUCKY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 110,000-MEMBER TRADE UNION OF WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT HEALTH SECTOR, KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL UNION OF ISSSTE WORKERS, SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE. THE ISSSTE UNION'S HEADQUARTERS IS A NEW 14-STORY BUILDING COMPLETED ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO AND WAS THE PRIDE OF ITS MEMBERS. IT IS LOCATED IN THE OLD DOWNTOWN PART OF MEXICO CITY, AND WAS BUILT AT A COST OF SOME 2 MILLION DOLLARS. IT WAS USED NOT ONLY BY THE ISSSTE UNION, BUT ALLOWED ITS SEVERAL ELEGANT CONFERENCE ROOMS TO BE USED BY OTHER UNIONS AT A RELATIVELY NOMINAL FEE. IT

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ALSO HAD A BEAUTIFUL MODERN THEATER IN ITS PREMISES, WHICH WAS USED NOT ONLY BY MANY UNIONS FOR MEETINGS BUT WAS ALSO RENTED OUT TO A COMMERCIAL THEATRICAL COMPANY FOR RICAL PRODUCTIONS. ALTHOUGH NO ONE WAS HURT IN THE ISSSTE UNION BUILDING DURING THE EARTHQUAKE, MAINLY BECAUSE IT TOOK PLACE EARLY IN THE MORNING BEFORE THE WORKERS WOULD HAVE COME TO WORK, THE BUILDING NOW LOOKS AS IF IT WAS HIT BY HEAVY AERIAL BOMBING. MANY OF THE BUILDING'S WINDOWS AND WALLS FELL OUT IN THE EARTHQUAKE, AND ONE END OF THE BUILDING IS SAGGING AT A PRONOUNCED ANGLE AND LOOKS LIKE IT IS READY TO COLLAPSE. THE ISSSTE UNION'S BUILDING HAS BEEN DEEMED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO BE DANGEROUS ENOUGH SO THAT NO PERSONS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED INSIDE THE BUILDING SINCE THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE TO RECOVER UNION FILES, FURNITURE, SAFES AND OTHER ITEMS WHICH ARE STILL IN A JUMBLED MESS IN THE BADLY SHAKEN BUILDING SKELETON WHICH REMAINS. INASMUCH AS IT APPEARS THE BUILDING WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED, THE ISSSTE UNION ESTIMATES THAT TO BUILD A NEW BUILDING ON THE SAME OR SIMILAR SITE WILL NOW COST A MINIMUM OF 4 MILLION DOLLARS. (IRONICALLY, THE EMBASSY LABOR COUNSELOR HAD LUNCH WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISSSTE UNION IN THE 14TH FLOOR PRIVATE DINING ROOM OF THE NOW-HEAVILY DAMAGED ISSSTE UNION'S HEADQUARTERS BUILDING JUST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE).

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AFL-CIO LAUNCHES MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE FUND APPEAL

8. IN ADDITION TO A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE SENT BY AFL-CIO PRESIDENT LANE KIRKLAND TO CTM SECRETARY GENERAL FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, THE AFL-CIO HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAUNCHED AN APPEAL AMONG ITS AFFILIATES FOR FUNDING FOR EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE TO THE CTM, AND ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS AFL-CIO MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE CTM VIA THE ORIT FOR EARTHQUAKE-RELATED ASSISTANCE. AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS ITSELF AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE 25,000 DOLLARS TO THIS FUND. IS LIKELY THAT SOME PUBLICITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS FUND AT THE FORTHCOMING AFL-CIO BIENNIAL CONVENTION TO TAKE PLACE IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA ON OCTOBER 28-30, ESPECIALLY SINCE CTM SECRETARY GENERAL FIDEL VELAZQUEZ PLANS TO ATTEND THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION.

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MEXICAN LABOR MOVEMENT ACTIVE IN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS

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9. THE MEXICAN LABOR MOVEMENT HAS BEEN QUITE ACTIVE SINCE THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE. IT HAS OFFERED ITS COOPERATION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MEXICO IN THEIR RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN CAREFUL TO BRING ORGANIZED LABOR INTO THIS EFFORT AT THE OUTSET BY NAMING THE CONGRESS OF LABOR (THE OVERALL UMBRELLA LABOR BODY TO WHICH ALMOST ALL MEXICAN LABOR CONFEDERATIONS BELONG) AND/OR THE CTM TO THE VARIOUS TRIPARTITE COMMITTEES WHICH ARE BEING CREATED BY BOTH FEDERAL AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO DEAL WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS.
FIDEL VELAZQUEZ SAYS WORKERS WILL POSTPONE WAGE DEMANDS

AND STATES THERE IS NO DANGER OF SOCIAL DISTURBANCES

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10. ON OCTOBER 2, THE OCTOGENARIAN SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CTM, FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE CTM'S ROLE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE EARTHQUAKES. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MEXICO'S WORKERS, VELAZQUEZ TOOK

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A HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE AND MODERATE POSITION. DUE TO THE EARTHQUAKES' ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY, VELAZQUEZ SAID THE CTM AND MEXICO'S WORKERS WOULD POSTPONE THEIR DEMANDS OF RECENT MONTHS FOR A CATCH-UP EMERGENCY WAGE INCREASE INVOLVING A POSSIBLE THIRD INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE THIS YEAR. HE SAID THE WORKERS WOULD NOW WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER/JANUARY, WHEN THE NEXT NORMAL MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE IS SCHEDULED TO BE NEGOTIATED, TO PURSUE THEIR WAGE INCREASE DEMANDS. VELAZQUEZ ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS NO DANGER OF SOCIAL DISTURBANCES IN MEXICO IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKES BECAUSE THE MEXICAN PEOPLE WERE GIVING A "MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE" TO THE EXISTING SITUATION AND MEXICO'S WORKERS WERE CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOLUTION OF THIS SITUATION IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

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CTM CHIEF DESCRIBES CTM ROLE IN RESCUE AND RECONSTRUCTION
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11. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO DESCRIBED THE CTM'S ROLE IN RESCUE EFFORTS, POINTING OUT THAT CTM RESCUE BRIGADES HAD COOPERATED EXTENSIVELY IN THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS ANTHE RESCUE OF VICTIMS, AND THAT 3,500 CTM TRUCKS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN HELPING REMOVE THE RUBBLE. VELAZQUEZ ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT ALL CTM MEMBERS HAD HELPED THE GOVERNMENT'S RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS BY DONATING TEN PERCENT OF THEIR UNION DUES TO THE GOM'S OFFICIAL RECONSTRUCTION FUND. IN ADDITION, VELAZQUEZ SAID THAT CTM MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DONATE ONE DAY'S PAY AS AN ADDED CONTRIBUTION TO THAT FUND. THE CTM CHIEF ADDED THAT VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CTM UNIONS WERE ALSO MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE MEXICAN PETROLEUM WORKERS UNION WHICH HAD PRESENTED VELAZQUEZ WITH A 50 MILLION PESO CHECK TO ALSO BE DEPOSITED IN THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION FUND ACCOUNT.

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LEADERS OF ORGANIZED LABOR APPEAL TO IMF TO BE MORE

FLEXIBLE RE MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT

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12. ON OCTOBER 5, A MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF LABOR WAS HELD TO DISCUSS THE EFFECTS OF THE EARTHQUAKE. AFTER THAT MEETING, BOTH THE CTM SECRETARY GENERAL FIDEL VELAZQUEZ AND CONGRESS OF LABOR PRESIDENT ANGEL OLIVO SOLIS GAVE THEIR VIEWS TO THE PRESS ON ORGANIZED LABOR'S ROLE IN THE EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT. BOTH
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EMPHASIZED THAT EFFORTS TO HELP THOSE PERSONS LEFT HOMELESS BY THE EARTHQUAKES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS PROVIDING HOUSING, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND LOANS AT PREFERENTIAL RATES. THEY ALSO BOTH EMPHASIZED THAT, IN THE RENEGOTIATION OF ITS FOREIGN DEBT, MEXICO SHOULD NOT ACCEPT CONDITIONS WITH WHICH IT IS NOT CAPABLE OF COMPLYING NOR ACCEDE TO PRESSURES TO DO SO. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE IMF UNDERSTANDS MEXICO'S SITUATION AND "FOR THIS REASON

ITS ATTITUDE IN THE FUTURE MUST BE MORE FLEXIBLE."

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FIDEL VELAZQUEZ CALLS FOR CREDITS AND RELIEF FOR WORKERS

AND BUSINESSES

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13. WHEN ASKED BY THE PRESS ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR DECENTRALIZATION IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES, FIDEL VELAZQUEZ SAID THAT BEFORE DECENTRALIZATION, WITH ITS HIGH COSTS, IS CONSIDERED, THE IMMEDIATE "PRIORITY RIGHT NOW IS TO ATTEND TO THE EMERGENCY SITUATION IN THE CAPITAL AND TO THE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS." HE ADDED THAT THE CTM HAS 4,000 HOMES WHICH IT WILL PLACE AT THE "TEMPORARY DISPOSITION" OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE EARTHQUAKES. VELAZQUEZ SAID THAT THE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS ACCUMULATING IN THE NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION FUND SHOULD BE EARMARKED FOR "SOFT CREDITS TO WORKERS AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES, AND ALSO TO SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES, SUCH AS IN THE HOTEL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, THAT NEED ASSISTANCE IN GETTING BACK ON THEIR FEET, BECAUSE THESE BUSINESSES ARE IMPORTANT SOURCES OF EMPLOYMENT."

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VIEWS OF LABOR CONGRESS PRESIDENT OLIVO SOLIS

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14. CONGRESS OF LABOR PRESIDENT ANGEL OLIVO SOLIS, WHEN
ASKED BY THE PRESS ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT STEMMING FROM
THE QUAKE, SAID THAT SUCH UNEMPLOYMENT "EXISTS, WITHOUT
A DOUBT, BUT AS OF YET WE DON'T HAVE STATISTICS THAT
INDICATE THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AFFECTED." OLIVO SOLIS
ALSO SAID THAT THE "LABOR SECTOR DOESN'T WANT MEXICO
TO ACCEPT MORE FOREIGN LOANS BECAUSE THEY WILL BE

DIFFICULT COMMITMENTS TO KEEP GIVEN OUR CURRENT CONDITION." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LABOR SECTOR RECOGNIZES, NONETHELESS THAT FOREIGN HELP AND FRESH SOURCES OF FUNDING WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE LABOR CONGRESS HAS RECEIVED AID IN THE WAKE OF THE EARTHQUAKES FROM VARIOUS FOREIGN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE IN BRAZIL, CUBA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. LASTLY, OLIVO SOLIS ANNOUNCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE LABOR CONGRESS HAS DECLARED ITSELF IN PERMANENT OPEN SESSION ON BEHALF OF MEXICO'S WORKERS IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION STEMMING FROM THE EARTHQUAKES.

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EFFECT OF EARTHQUAK EMPLOYMENT - MEXICO CITY

GARMENT INDUSTRY DEVASTATED

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15. IN THE EMPLOYMENT AREA, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE EARTHQUAKE WILL HAVE A LONG TERM ADVERSE IMPACT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN MEXICO CITY'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY. MEXICO'S GARMENT-MAKING DISTRICT WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE OLD PART OF MEXICO CITY, ALONG SAN ANTONIO ABAD STREET, WHICH AREA WAS SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE QUAKE. A NUMBER OF THE TEXTILE FACTORIES IN THAT AREA COLLAPSED, BURYING SOME GARMENT WORKERS IN THEIR RUBBLE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 1,300 SMALL CLOTHING FACTORIES WERE EITHER DESTROYED, OR HEAVILY DAMAGED AND FORCED TO CLOSE, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE QUAKE, LEAVING 40,000 CLOTHING WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS. DURING HIS OCTOBER 5 REMARKS TO THE PRESS, THE CTM'S FIDEL VELAZQUEZ WAS ASKED HIS VIEWS ON THE HEAVY DAMAGE TO MEXICO CITY'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY. IN HIS RESPONSE VELAZQUEZ CALLED FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND THE APPLICATION OF STIFF SANCTIONS AGAINST "THOSE WHO EXPLOITED CLOTHING WORKERS AND SEAMSTRESSES" IN THE DEVASTATED SMALL CLOTHING FACTORIES. HE ADDED THAT THE CTM IS NOW PLANNING ON ORGANIZING THE WORKERS IN THIS SECTOR SO AS TO AVOID SUCH WORKER EXPLOITATION IN THE FUTURE.

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EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT IN OTHER SECTORS
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16. VARIOUS OTHER BUSINESS ENTITIES THROUGHOUT THE

AFFECTED AREAS OF THE CITY ALSO SUFFERED IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THEIR OFFICE BUILDINGS AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS IN THE EARTHQUAKE, LEAVING NUMEROUS OTHER WORKERS UNEMPLOYED, SOME TEMPORARILY AND OTHERS PERMANENTLY. WORKERS IN THE TOURISM SECTOR IN MEXICO CITY, WHERE A HALF A DOZEN HOTELS COLLAPSED AND ANOTHER HALF DOZEN SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE, AND IN CERTAIN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, WILL ALSO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE DECLI TOURISM WHICH THE QUAKE PORTENDS DURING COMING MONTHS. THE PACIFIC COAST RESORT COMPLEX OF IXTAPA/ZIHUATANEJO, WHICH WAS QUITE CLOSE TO THE EPICENTERS OF THE QUAKES AND WHERE SEVERAL LUXURY HOTELS SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE (INCLUDING THE RESORT'S SHERATON HOTEL, WHICH REPORTEDLY MAY HAVE TO BE TORN DOWN), WAS VISITED OCTOBER 5-6 BY THE AMBASSADOR, WHO FOUND THE RESORT EMPTY OF TOURISTS. ONE LIKELY BENEFICIARY, HOWEVER, OF THE EARTHQUAKES MAY BE MEXICO'S HERETOFORE AILING CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AND ITS WORKERS, WHICH MAY WELL EXPERIENCE SOMETHING OF A BOOM IN COMING MONTHS BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN MEXICO CITY AND IN SUCH AREAS AS IXTAPA/ZIHUATANEJO.

- LAZARO CARDENAS STEEL COMPLEX NEAR EPICENTER OF QUAKES

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17. ONE OF THE AREAS OUTSIDE OF MEXICO CITY HIT BY THE QUAKES WAS THE PUERTO LAZARO CARDENAS AREA OF MICHOACAN LOCATED JUST OFF THE EPICENTERS OF THE TWO QUAKES ON MEXICO'S PACIFIC COAST. THE SICARTSA STEEL MILL THERE, WHICH IS MEXICO'S LARGEST STEEL COMPLEX AND EMPLOYS 5,400 PRODUCTION WORKERS, HAD EARLIER BEEN AFFECTED BY A 35-DAY LONG STRIKE (SEE REFTELS).

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THAT STRIKE HAD ONLY ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 8, AND WORKERS
HAD ONLY BEEN BACK TO WORK FOR 10 DAYS WHEN THE FIRST
EARTHQUAKE HIT. SOME DAMAGE HAS BEEN REPORTED TO

THOSE INSTALLATIONS IN THE EARTHQUAKE, ALTHOUGH NOT AS MUCH AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, AND THE COMPANY REPORTEDLY STILL DOES NOT HAVE ALL THE SICARTSA WORKERS BACK ON A NORMAL PRODUCTION SCHEDULE.

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RADICAL MARXIST-ORIENTED INDEPENDENT UNIONS CALL FOR

SUSPENSION OF, A MORATORIUM ON, OR CANCELLATION OF

MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT

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ON OCTOBER 6, A GROUP OF INDEPENDENT MARXIST-ORIENTED UNIONS HELD A MEETING IN WHICH THEY PASSED A RESOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRONGLY URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO, AT A MINIMUM, SUSPEND THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST OF THE FOREIGN DEBT, AND PREFERABLY TO DECLARE A SUSPENSION, MORATORIUM, OR CANCELLATION OF THE FOREIGN DEBT IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE RESOLUTION ALSO DEMANDS THAT THE MONIES WHICH WOULD THUS BE FREED SHOULD BE USED TO ASSIST THOSE MADE HOMELESS BY THE EARTHQUAKES. THIS EXTEND SIMPLISTIC RESOLUTION ALSO CONTAINED CRITICISMS OF PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID'S ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS TO CONTINUING HONORING MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT. THE UNIONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS MEETING INCLUDED THE RADICAL UNIONS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKERS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, THE SUTIN UNION OF WORKERS IN THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, THE MEXICO CITY ELECTRICIANS UNION, AND THE LEFTIST DISSIDENT FACTION IN THE NATIONAL TEACHERS UNION. (COMMENT - IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE VIEWS OF THESE LEFTIST TRADE UNIONISTS DO NOT CORRESPOND AT ALL TO THE MUCH MORE MODERATE AND RESPONSIBLE VIEWS OF THE MAINSTREAM LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AS ENUNCIATED BY THE CTM'S FIDEL VELAZQUEZ AND THE CONGRESS OF LABOR'S OLIVO SOLIS, AS DESCRIBED ABOVE - END COMMENT). (DRAFTED:JGWYNN)
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TO: NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE
- WASHINGTON, D.C.
- ATTN: RAY SCHEPPACH

DEAR MR. SCHEPPACH:

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE CABLE I SENT TO ALL
50 GOVERNORS ON SEPTEMBER 30.

QUOTE: DEAR GOVCRNOR:

I ADDRESS YOU REGARDING THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE SUFFERED
BY MEXICO. OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE AND HELP FROM THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE TRULY GRATIFYING. WE
ARE PROUD OF OUR COMPATRIOTS.

AS THE IMMEDIATE RESCUE EFFORTS WIND DOWN, MEXICO MUST
CONFRONT THE NEED FOR A LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF
RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION. ONE IMPORTANT
REQUIREMENT THAT ALREADY HAS BEEN DEFINED IS THE
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REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS.

SOME OF OUR STATES HAVE ALREADY MADE COMMITMENTS TO
HELP. ONE GOVERNOR HAS PLEDGED THAT HIS STATE WILL
RAISE AS MANY DOLLARS AS HE HAS CONSTITUENTS. IF THE
GOOD PEOPLE OF YOUR STATE WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THESE
RELIEF MEASURES I WOULD SUGGEST YOU ASK THEM TO MAKE
CASH DONATIONS TO THE "FUND FOR MEXICAN SCHOOL AND
HOSPITAL RECONSTRUCTION" AND THAT YOU COLLECT THE
CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH YOUR OFFICE. THE AMERICAN

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MEXICO HAS AGREED TO ADMINISTER THE PROCEEDS. MY OFFICE WOULD BE PLEASED TO FORWARD YOUR STATE'S CHECK TO THEM OR TO PUT YOU OR YOUR DESIGNEE IN TOUCH WITH THEIR OFFICERS.

SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS (OR PORTIONS THEREOF) ARE TO BEAES SIGNIFYING DONOR STATES. THIS GENEROSITY TO OUR FRIENDS IN MEXICO WILL NOT ONLY SIGNAL OUR CONCERN FOR A NEIGHBOR'S WELFARE BUT WILL ALSO HELP TO CEMENT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

MY THANKS AND THAT OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE AMERICAN MISSION IN MEXICO TO YOU AND THE CITIZENS OF YOUR STATE. SINCERELY, UNQUOTE.

SINCE THEN, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MEXICO HAS TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO ESTABLISH A MECHANISM TO RECEIVE AND ALLOCATE RELIEF FUNDS. TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE OUT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF MEXICO FOUNDATION (NO. 51-0220627). COLLECTED FUNDS WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH A CAREFULLY MONITORED AMCHAM MEXICO RECONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS SUCH

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AS SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL REBUILDING. THE AMCHAM IS STILL WORKING ON THE DETAILS OF THE FUNDING CAMPAIGN.

MY STAFF WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMCHAM CAMPAIGN AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. EMBASSY POINTS OF CONTACT ARE DAVID HENIFIN (905-211-0042, EXT. 3800) OR EMILIO IODICE (905-211-0042, EXT. 3725).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING COORDINATE THIS WORTHWHILE CAMPAIGN. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT MY OFFICE IF WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. GAVIN

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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATION
MEETING IN MEXICO CITY

REF: MEXICO 19752

1. AT 0900 TODAY (WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9), UNITED NATIONS
UNDERSECRETARY MARGARET JOAN ANSTEE MET WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF MEXICO CITY'S DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. HER HOUR-
LONG BRIEFING SET FORTH NOTHING NEW, EXCEPT TO UNDERLINE
THE UN'S DESIRE TO PLAY SOME KIND OF BELATED ROLE IN THE
EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORT.

2. SHE EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEXICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MINISTRY HAD FORMALLY REQUESTED UN PARTICIPATION. WHEN
PRESSED BY CYNICAL PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING THE AUSTRIAN,
SWEDISH AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS) FOR DETAILS OF HER
SCHEME, SHE COULD ONLY REPLY WITH A VAGUE OUTLINE, CON-
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SISTING ESSENTIALLY OF IDENTIFYING, MOBILIZING AND
MONITORING RESOURCES FROM ABROAD.

3. UNDERSECRETARY ANSTEE HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH
AMBASSADOR GAVIN ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11. HER MESSAGE
WILL BE MUCH THE SAME AS IN TODAY'S MEETING. IDEALLY,
SHE WOULD LIKE STRONG U.S. BACKING, AT LEAST RHETORICALLY,
FOR THE UN EFFORT. SHE SEEMED RESIGNED, HOWEVER, TO THE
REALITY THAT WE LONG AGO ESTABLISHED OUR OWN MAJOR RELIEF
EFFORT WORKING DIRECTLY WITH APPROPRIATE GOM AGENCIES;

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AND THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF INVOLVING ANY NEW
BUREAUCRATIC MEDIATOR. (DD: USIS:GGARLAND) GAVIN

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SUBJ: EARTHQUAKE NEWS CAUSES TOURISM TO PLUMMET,
EVEN IN UNAFFECTED SOUTHEASTERN ZONE

1. SUMMARY: HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS IN CANCUN AND COZUMEL REPORT A DROP OF SOME 15 PERCENT IN OCCUPANCY DUE, THEY BELIEVE, TO FEARS OF WOULD-BE TOURISTS THAT THERE IS EARTHQUAKE-CAUSED DAMAGE IN THE AREA, OR THAT TREMORS COULD AGAIN OCCUR. IN MERIDA, WHERE TOURISM HAD NOT REACHED PREVIOUS YEAR'S LEVELS EVEN BEFORE NEWS OF EARTHQUAKE, RESTAURANTS SAY THEY HAVE ONLY A 20 PERCENT OCCUPANCY. HOTELS AND CAR RENTAL AGENCIES ALSO REPORT LOW USAGE. TOURISM OFFICIALS, TOGETHER WITH PRIVATE REPRESENTATIVES OF AFFECTED INDUSTRIES, ARE MAKING PROMOTIONAL TRIPS TO THE U.S. IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE EARTHQUAKE FEARS AND INFORM VISITORS THAT THE YUCATAN PENINSULA IS SAFE TO VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. MEXICO CITY'S RECENT EARTHQUAKES WERE NOT FELT IN SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY. TOURISM OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS BELIEVE
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THIS INFORMATION IS NOT CLEAR TO WOULD-BE VISITORS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE CANCELED PREVIOUSLY-MADE PLANS TO VISIT MEXICO. OFFICIALS SAY THEIR SITUATION IS NOT HELPED WHEN LONG-DISTANCE OPERATORS IN THE U.S. INFORM INQUIRERS THEY CAN'T GET A LINE "BECAUSE OF THE EARTHQUAKE", NEGLECTING TO MENTION THAT THE REASON IS THAT ALL OVERSEAS CALLS ARE PROCESSED THROUGH MEXICO CITY, WHERE REPAIRS TO PHONE LINES HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

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3. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KRISTAL HOTEL IN CANCUN, ONE OF THE MOST STRATEGICALLY-LOCATED DELUXE HOTELS ON THE BEACH, HAS INFORMED POST, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT OCCUPANCY, WHICH NORMALLY IS AT 80 PERCENT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, IS NOW AT 75 PERCENT. THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR SAID THAT ONE GROUP OF 40 PEOPLE HAD RECENTLY CANCELED A 10-DAY VISIT, CITING THEIR FEAR OF FURTHER EARTHQUAKE TREMORS.

4. IN MERIDA, ALREADY HARD-HIT BY LACK OF TOURISM (FEW DIRECT FLIGHTS AND SUFFERING BY COMPARISON WITH CARIBBEAN BEACH RESORTS), RESTAURANTEURS SAY THEIR OCCUPANCY IS NO MORE THAN 20 PERCENT. HOTELS, TOO, HAVE LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OCCUPANCY. CAR RENTAL AGENTS SAY THEY WILL GO OUT OF BUSINESS UNLESS SOMETHING IS DONE TO IMPROVE THE TOURISM SITUATION IN THIS AREA.

5. YUCATAN'S STATE TOURISM SUB-DELEGATE, ALICIA DEL VILLAR DE BLANCO, IS ATTEMPTING TO TURN THINGS AROUND THROUGH PROMOTIONS IN FLORIDA THIS WEEK, WITH PROJECTED VISITS TO OTHER EASTERN U.S. CITIES LATER IN THE YEAR. SRA. BLANCO IS VISITING MIAMI, TAMPA
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AND ORLANDO WITH THE STATE FOLKLORIC BALLET AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR HOTELS, TO INFORM VISITORS THAT YUCATAN IS SAFE AND WELL WORTH A VISIT. YUCATAN PROMOTERS HOPE THAT THRICE-WEEKLY FLIGHTS BY ARROW AIR OF TAMPA, WHICH INAUGURATES ITS NEW SCHEDULE ON DECEMBER 13, WILL ASSIST IN BRINGING MORE AMERICANS TO THIS AREA.

6. PROMOTERS IN CANCUN HAVE ALSO INDICATED THEY EXPECT TO BE IN NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA AND OTHER MAJOR EAST COAST CITIES THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, BRINGING THE MESSAGE THAT ALL OF MEXICO WAS NOT DAMAGED BY THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE, AND TO PLEASE COME ON DOWN.

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SUBJECT: THE MEXICAN BANKING SYSTEM AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES

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1. SUMMARY. SOME TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES, THE
MEXICAN BANKING SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONING AT NEAR-NORMAL
LEVELS. REGULAR BANKING FUNCTIONS SUCH AS DEPOSIT-TAKING
AND CHECK CLEARING ARE BEING PERFORMED ALTHOUGH AT TIMES
BY MANUAL PROCESSES RATHER THAN ELECTRONIC ONES.
INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT LARGELY
THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF OVERSEAS OFFICES OF MEXICAN
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COMMERCIAL BANKS, REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN
COMMERCIAL BANKS AND CORRESPONDENT BANKS. SOME BANKS
WERE ABLE TO OPERATE THEIR TELEXES WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE
FIRST EARTHQUAKE AND MAINTAINED THEM THROUGH THE SECOND
EARTHQUAKE. OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARE GRADUALLY BEING
RESTORED. END SUMMARY.

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2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TWO EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO ON
SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 MOST COMMERCIAL BANKS WENT THROUGH
2-3 DAYS OF SEVERE DISRUPTIONS FIRST TWO DAYS AFTER

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THE SECOND EARTHQUAKE WERE OVER A WEEKEND WHICH GAVE SOME TIME TO REORGANIZE. BRANCH OFFICES OF THE MAJOR BANKS OPENED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TO ACCEPT DEPOSITS AND CONDUCT BUSINESS AT NEAR NORMAL LEVELS. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, 832 BRANCH OFFICES WERE OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 23 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 900. AT PRESENT FOR EXAMPLE, THE LARGEST BANK, BANCOMER, HAS ONLY 9 BRANCHES TEMPORILY NON-FUNCTIONING OUT OF A TOTAL OF 110 IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT. BANCO DEL ATLANTICO IS TEMPORILY WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF 15 BRANCHES OUT OF 40-ODD IN THE CITY.

3. SEVERAL LARGE COMMERCIAL BANKS SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO THEIR HEAD OFFICES. THE HEAD OFFICES OF MOST BANKS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BANCOMER WERE IN THE CITY CENTER WHICH IS ONE OF THE AREAS OF THE CITY HARDEST HIT BY THE EARTHQUAKES. BANCO DEL ATLANTICO HAS HAD TO MOVE OUT OF ITS CENTRAL OFFICE AND HAS SPREAD ITS STAFF IN ABOUT 5 DIFFERENT OFFICE BUILDINGS. BANCA CONFIA HAS DISTRIBUTED ITS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AMONG ITS BRANCHES. THE BUILDING HOUSING THE FOREIGN TRADE SECTION OF BANAMEX WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN THE EARTHQUAKES AND 15 EMPLOYEES DIED, INCLUDING ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE BANK.

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BANAMEX HAS SINCE ASKED THE INTERNATIONAL BANKS FOR COPIES OF THEIR TRANSACTIONS WITH BANAMEX SINCE MANY RECORDS WERE LOST WHEN THE BUILDING COLLAPSED. COMPUTER OPERATIONS WERE SEVERELY DISRUPTED AT MULTIBANCO COMERMEX, BANAMEX, AND BANCO DEL ATLANTICO, AMONG OTHERS.

4. REGULAR BANKING OPERATIONS SUCH AS DEPOSIT-TAKING, LOAN-MAKING, AND CHECK-CLEARING ARE NOW BEING CARRIED OUT AT NEAR NORMAL LEVELS. SOME OF THESE FUNCTIONS ARE NOW BEING DONE MANUALLY INSTEAD OF ELECTRONICALLY BUT BUSINESS IS BEING CONDUCTED AS USUAL. DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES ARE SOMEWHAT SLOWER IN SOME CASES BECAUSE EXECUTIVES ARE SPREAD OUT IN SEVERAL OFFICES AS A RESULT OF PHY DAMAGE TO CENTRAL OFFICES.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

5. ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES WAS THE LACK OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE LINES WERE DISRUPTED AND MANY TELEX LINES WERE OUT OF COMMISSION FOR AWHILE. ON THE DAY AFTER THE FIRST EARTHQUAKE, SEPTEMBER 19, SEVERAL BANKS WERE ABLE TO OPERATE THEIR TELEXES OR WERE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE TELEXES OF AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE BANKS TO CONDUCT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS THROUGH THEIR FOREIGN BRANCHES, USUALLY IN NEW

YORK, OR THROUGH CORRESPONDENT BANKS. THESE MESSAGES
CONCERNED CHECK CLEARING, LOANS PAYMENTS, AND LETTERS OF
CREDIT TRANSACTIONS, AMONG OTHERS.

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6. AN EXAMPLE OF ONE TYPE OF BANK OPERATION THAT WENT

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AHEAD AT NEAR NORMAL LEVELS WAS INTERNATIONAL CHECK
CLEARING. THE FIVE MEXICAN BANKS THAT HAVE NEW YORK
OFFICES (BANCOMER, BANAMEX, BANCO INTERNATIONAL, BANCA
SERFIN, AND BANCO MEXICANO SOMEX) STARTED CLEARING CHECKS
THROUGH THEIR NEW YORK OFFICES SHORTLY AFTER
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WENT DOWN DURING THE
EARTHQUAKES, I.E., THE CHECKS WERE CLEARED BY TELEX OR
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EITHER MAILED OR CARRIED TO NEW YORK AND THEN CLEARED BY
THE NEW YORK OFFICE. THOSE MEXICAN COMMERCIAL BANKS THAT
DO NOT HAVE NEW YORK OFFICES CLEARED CHECKS VIA TELEX OR
THROUGH THEIR U.S. CORRESPONDENT BANKS IN ROUGHLY THE

SAME MANNER AS THE NEW YORK OFFICES. CHEMICAL BANK DOES A LOT OF THIS TYPE OF WORK AND REGULARLY HAS A COURIER PICK UP CHECKS DRAWN ON U.S. BANKS FROM MEXICAN COMMERCIAL BANKS EVERY MORNING AND CARRY THEM TO NEW YORK. THEY INCREASED SERVICE IN THE IMMEDIATE POST-EARTHQUAKE PERIOD.

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CENTRAL BANK OPERATIONS

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7. THE CENTRAL BANK OF MEXICO, BANCO DE MEXICO, HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS OPERATIONS WITH SOME DELAYS. ITS DOMESTIC CLEARING HOUSE HAS CLEARED ALL CHECKS BUT AT TIMES USING MANUAL METHODS. IT HAS BEEN ABLE TO SERVICE THE NATIONAL DEBT AND MAKE OTHER PAYMENTS, OFTEN MAKING MORE EXTENSIVE USE OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE BANKS THAN IN NORMAL TIMES. THE CENTRAL BANK WAS ABLE TO CARRY OUT A PAYOUT ON OCTOBER 7 OF ITS FICORCA SYSTEM WHICH IS AN EXCHANGE RISK PROGRAM FOR RESCHEDULED SUPPLIER CREDITS. THOSE PAYMENTS AMOUNTED TO SOME \$15-20 MILLION.

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8. IN SPITE OF THE GREAT DISRUPTION IN THE COUNTRY THE PUBLIC HAS NOT REACTED WITH ALARM TOWARD THE BANKING SYSTEM. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RUNS ON THE BANKS. THE FOREIGN REACTION HAS LIKEWISE BEEN MUTED. DRAFTED BY J.P.FELT. GAVIN
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EARTHQUAKE

1. ACTION REQUESTED IN LAST PARAGRAPH.
2. SUMMARY. SEDUE HAS APPROACHED SCICOUNS WITH TWO REQUESTS: (1) THAT HUD SEND A SMALL DELEGATION TO MEXICO CITY SOMETIME AFTER THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 1985 TO HELP DETERMINE ASSISTANCE THAT HUD COULD OFFER TO MEXICO CITY FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKES OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, AND (2) THAT BECAUSE OF THE NEW WORK CREATED BY THE EARTHQUAKES, THE PROPOSED MEETING IN PIEDRAS NIEGRAS, COAHUILA AND DEL RIO, TO BE POSTPONED. END SUMMARY.
3. A NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION WAS CREATED ON OCTOBER 4, TO COORDINATE RECONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKES OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20. UNDER THE COMMISSION, A COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE WAS CREATED TO CHANNEL ALL INTERNATIONAL HELP

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AND SUPPORT. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 1985.

4. SEDUE WOULD LIKE HUD TO VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THAT MEETING. (THE DATE WOULD BE DETERMINED LATER.) THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO HELP DETERMINE WHAT ASSISTANCE HUD MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. SEDUE HOPES THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE COULD BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE HUD-SEDUE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN

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THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

5. SEDUE OFFICIALS HEADING THIS PROPOSED MEETING WOULD BE UNDERSECRETARY OF HOUSING, LIC. GABINO FRAGA MOURET, AND UNDERSECRETARY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, ARCHITECT ROBERTO EIBENSCHUTZ HARTMAN.

6. SEDUE IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: (A) AN EMERGENCY HOUSING PROGRAM, (B) VISITS BY STRUCTURAL, GEOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIALISTS, (C) SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR RECONSTRUCTION, AND (D) EXPERTS WITH EXPERIENCE IN DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER AREAS.

7. SEDUE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING 3-DAY AGENDA:

FIRST DAY

1030-1100

OPENING MEETING WITH HIGH-LEVEL SEDUE

- OFFICIALS

ACTIVITIES WITH THE UNDERSECRETARIAT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

1100-1430

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GUIDED VISIT THROUGH DISASTER AREA

1430-1700

LUNCH, BY INVITATION OF THE URBAN

- DEVELOPMENT UNDERSECRETARIAT AT THE
- CAFETERIA DEL PARQUE, BOSQUE DE CHAPULTEPEC

1700-1830

REMARKS BY THE UNDERSECRETARIAT ON DAMAGE,

- A HYPOTHESIS ABOUT THE CAUSES OF THE DAMAGE,
- ACTIONS TAKEN ALREADY, A RECONSTRUCTION
- PROGRAM, AND A PROPOSED DECENTRALIZATION
- PROGRAM.

SECONDDAY

1000-1130

REMARKS BY HUD ON WORLDWIDE EXPERIENCES AND

- A HYPOTHESIS ABOUT THE CAUSES, TECHNICAL
- FORECASTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND FINANCING.

1130-1300

ROUNDTABLE AND CONCLUSIONS FROM DISCUSSION

- WITH THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNDERSECRETARIAT

ACTIVITIES WITH THE UNDERSECRETARIAT OF HOUSING:

1430-1700

LUNCH, OFFERED BY THE HOUSING UNDER-

- SECRETARIAT

1700-1830

REMARKS BY THE HOUSING UNDERSECRETARIAT ON

- TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR REHABILI-

- TATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING, AND ON
- HOUSING PROGRAMS (RECONSTRUCTION IN THE
- AFFECTED AREAS AND A HOUSING PROGRAM FOR THE
- BORDER)

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THIRDDAY
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- PROGRAMS
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JOINT REVIEW OF CONCLUSIONS

8. COMMENT: THE GOM APPEARS INTENT ON TAKING ADVANTAGE
OF THE NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE
SOME ACTIVITIES AWAY FROM MEXICO CITY. THIS REQUEST

APPEARS TO BE BOTH A WAY OF SOLICITING HUD'S MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION (IN THE FACE OF AN EXPANDED NEEDED FOR NEW HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE) AND TECHNICAL ADVICE ABOUT HOW BEST TO DECENTRALIZE. END COMMENT.

9. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF HUD RESPONSE, SO THAT WE CAN SO ADVISE SEDUE. (DRAFTED:
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1. REPORT FROM TELEPHONE COMPANY YESTERDAY INDICATED THAT THEY COULD NOT PROVIDE A PROMISED PHONE LINE BECAUSE THE EXCHANGE WAS CLOSED TO TECHNICIANS.
2. ON SURVEY TRIP, WHICH IS BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL WHEN IT FINALLY CLEARS MISSION, I FOUND THAT ROMA EXCHANGE IS STANDING ON CRUTCHES AND SLIPPING. ALL OF OUR LINES GO THROUGH IT.
3. I HAVE REQUESTED URGENT MEETING WITH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE

REF: (A) BROWN/DITANNA TELCON 10/10/85 (B) MEXICO 21436

DEPARTMENT CONTACTED DR. SOZEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS THIS DATE. HE IS FORWARDING REPORT TO FBO
FRIDAY OCT. 11TH. WE WILL FORWARD COPY TO POST ASAP VIA
COMMERCIAL COURIER. (A/FBO: 0122M-3) SHULTZ

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E.O. 12356: OADR
TAGS: EFIN, EAID, MX
SUBJECT: U.S. SUPPORT FOR MEXICO RECONSTRUCTION

REF: STATE 307011

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2. I HAVE TRANSMITTED THROUGH A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT
(SEE PARA 14) THE TALKING POINTS OUTLINED IN YOUR
TELEGRAM OF OCTOBER 4. IN THE LETTER I HAVE ASKED
TO SEE PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID AS SOON AS I RETURN
FROM MY CONSULTATIONS WITH YOU. AT THAT TIME I
WOULD EXPECT TO HEAR HIS IDEAS AND VIEWS. I HAVE
SUGGESTED TO PRIVATE SECRETARY GAMBOA THAT THE
PRESIDENT CONSIDER GIVING COPIES TO HIS SENIOR
ADVISORS (SEE LIST PARA 13).

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3. IN ADDITION TO THOSE TALKING POINTS, I HAVE
SUGGESTED IN THE LETTER THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE BE CHanneLED TO
HELP REBUILD AND MODERNIZE MEXICO'S PRIVATE
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SECTOR. WHILE NOT YET RAISED WITH GOM, EMBASSY IS
CONSIDERING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE POSSIBILITY OF USG
FUNDING FOR A NON-PROFIT FACILITY IN MEXICO IN
WHICH BOTH U.S. AND MEXICAN BUSINESSMEN WOULD
PARTICIPATE. THIS FACILITY WOULD PROVIDE FOREIGN
EXCHANGE AND FACILITATIVE SERVICES NEEDED BY SMALL
AND MEDIUM SIZE COMPANIES IN RE-ESTABLISHING THEIR
OPERATIONS. ACTIVITIES FINANCED AND FACILITATED
COULD INCLUDE SELECTED IMPORTS OF U.S. MACHINERY
AND EQUIPMENT, TRAINING OF KEY PERSONNEL, FEASIBILITY

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STUDIES AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. WE MIGHT WISH TO EMPHASIZE PARTICULARLY PROJECTS WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN EFFICIENCY IN THE ECONOMY, INCREASE EXPORTS, AND HELP WITH DECENTRALIZATION. I WOULD BE INCLINED TO ENCOURAGE JOINT VENTURES WITH U.S. COMPANIES INCLUDING IN-BOND PROJECTS. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO AND MEXICAN SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE AND FINANCE MIGHT BE NAMED AS HONORARY DIRECTORS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS ON THIS APPROACH WHILE WE PURSUE IT TO SEE IF IT APPEARS FEASIBLE HERE.

4. ASSISTANCE COULD ALSO BE CHanneled THROUGH AN EXPANDED INFORMAL AID PROGRAM. ONE USEFUL APPROACH COULD BE THROUGH PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONTINUED RELIEF OF POORER VICTIMS, HELP IN REBUILDING HOMES, AND REACTIVATION OF SMALL AND MICRO-ENTERPRISES. THIS COULD DEVELOP THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE ELEMENT IN THE PROGRAM.

5. A THIRD CHANNEL FOR RESOURCES WOULD BE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FEASIBILITY STUDY FUND TO RESPOND TO GOM AND PRIVATE REQUESTS FOR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE.

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THIS COULD OPEN MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS AND TECHNOLOGY AND STRENGTHEN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

6. IT IS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE GOM WOULD ACCEPT A LARGER, MORE VISIBLE INFORMAL AID PROGRAM FROM US AND THIS COULD POSE SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLES TO PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 3, 4 AND 5.

7. THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE EMPHASIS ON PRIVATE SECTOR IS OUR BELIEF THAT MOST OF THE NEEDS THAT MEXICO HAS TO REBUILD SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, HOUSING, WATER SUPPLY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS WILL BE MET BY THE MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE FUND WHICH IS BEING SET UP BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MEXICO MAY BE USED TO FINANCE SOME OF THESE SECTORS.

8. ANOTHER REASON FOR HELPING THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM THE MEXICAN BANKING SYSTEM TO PRIVATE COMPANIES HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SEVERELY LIMITED. AT PRESENT THE MARGINAL RESERVE REQUIREMENTS OF BANKS FOR NEW DEPOSITS IS 90 PERCENT. SOME OF THESE RESERVES ARE BEING CHanneled IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR. FINALLY, IT CLEARLY IS
U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY TO SUPPORT PRIVATE SECTOR
DEVELOPMENT.

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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITEHEAD FROM AMBASSADOR GAVIN

E.O. 12356: OADR
TAGS: EFIN, EAID, MX
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9. WITH REGARD TO MEXICO'S IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL
NEEDS (I.E. OVER THE NEXT 3-4 MONTHS) SECRETARY SILVA
HERZOG HAS SAID THAT ABOUT 500 MILLION DOLLARS WILL
BE REQUIRED. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE
NEEDS CAN BE EASILY MET BY THE FUNDS WHICH THE IMF,
THE WORLD BANK AND THE IDB WILL BE SUPPLYING.
THEREFORE, WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR EFFORTS ON MEXICO'S
REQUIREMENTS FOR 1986 AND BEYOND.

10. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE TEXT OF THE LETTER TO
PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID, (PARA 14 BELOW) I NOTED

OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MEXICO AND THE MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS AND I ASKED ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THOSE TALKS. FOR NOW, HOWEVER, I DID NOT ADDRESS ANY POSSIBLE ROLE FOR THE WORLD BANK.

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11. I DID NOT BRING UP THE ROLE OF THE IBRD, OR ANY OTHER SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION BECAUSE MY STAFF AND I WANT TO BE SURE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FULL ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE FUNDS, HAS A MAJOR DECISION-MAKING ROLE AND GETS PROPER RECOGNITION FOR ITS EFFORTS. WE NEED TO DO MORE THINKING ON THESE ISSUES. BEFORE MAKING ANY FORMAL PROPOSALS TO THE MEXICANS ABOUT THE CHANNEL FOR FUNDING, HOWEVER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD GET SOME SORT OF RESPONSE FROM THEM AS TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND DESIRES.

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12. I WOULD ENVISION FUNDING FOR THE USG ASSISTANCE CRIBED ABOVE AT A LEVEL OF 100 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY 1986. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES FURTHER DURING OUR MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 17.

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13. NOTE: IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT COPIES OF THE LETTER BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING SENIOR ADVISORS.

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SECRETARY OF FINANCE SILVA HERZOG,
SECRETARY OF PLANNING SALINAS DE GORTARI,
SECRETARY OF EDUCATION GONZALES AVELAR,
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HERNANDEZ,
SECRETARY OF HEALTH SOBERON,
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE PESQUEIRA,
SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT DIAZ DIAS,
SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND URBAN PLANNING CARRILLO, AND
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SEPULVEDA
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE
PRESIDENCIA ALONSO MUNOZ

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14. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

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HIS EXCELLENCY
LIC. MIGUEL DE LA MADRID HURTADO

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
LOS PINOS
MEXICO, D.F.

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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- WITH REFERENCE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKES ON SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, I AM AWARE THAT ONE OF YOUR IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS IS THE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND HOMES DESTROYED IN THE EARTHQUAKES. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT LARGE AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL WILL HAVE TO BE ALLOCATED FOR THE REPAIR OF MEXICO CITY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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- I KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO REVIEW THESE IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND THAT THEY WILL BE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN CERTAIN OF THESE AREAS. MOREOVER, WE TRUST THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS (AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND) WILL BE SUPPLYING SUBSTANTIAL EMERGENCY FUNDS TO MEET MEXICO'S SHORT-TERM NEEDS. MY GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN ASCERTAINING WHETHER THESE FACILITIES WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET YOUR COUNTRY'S NEEDS FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR.

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- I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR CABINET HAVE BEEN ASSESSING THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS IN ORDER TO FORMULATE THE NECESSARY PLANS FOR MEXICO'S PROGRAM OF RECONSTRUCTION. MY

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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITEHEAD FROM AMBASSADOR GAVIN

E.O. 12356: OADR

TAGS: EFIN, EAID, MX

SUBJECT: U.S. SUPPORT FOR MEXICO RECONSTRUCTION

GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED AND THE COST OF THIS ASSISTANCE BOTH IN TERMS OF LOCAL CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

- I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE TO YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. ONE AREA WHERE WE THINK THAT UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE COULD BE HELPFUL IS IN SUPPORTING YOUR EFFORTS TO REBUILD YOUR PRIVATE SECTOR, FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH IMPROVED ACCESS TO MODERN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, AND TECHNOLOGY. OTHER TYPES OF ASSISTANCE MIGHT INCLUDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS AND HELPING TO MOBILIZE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

- MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ACT AS SOON AS WE KNOW HOW YOU WISH TO PROCEED AND WHAT ROLE WE COULD MOST USEFULLY PERFORM. IF YOU DEEM IT USEFUL, I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH
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YOU AND APPROPRIATE SENIOR MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER AFTER I RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. I EXPECT TO RETURN TO MEXICO ON OCTOBER 18.

- I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOU THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

- RESPECTFULLY,
- JOHN GAVIN

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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: MX, ECON, EFIN, ETRANS, AERM, PGOV
SUBJECT: DAMAGE TO TOURISM FACILITIES IN MEXICO

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR URGED TOURISM SUBSECRETARY GRIMM TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE EXTENT OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE TO IXTAPA HOTELS AND OTHER TOURISM FACILITIES. IF THE GOM WAS NOT TO ACT COUNTERPRODUCTIVELY, SAID THE AMBASSADOR, IT SHOULD OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS TO REVIEW THE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE IXTAPA RESORT HOTELS AND ADVISE ON REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION. WITH ONLY ONE HOTEL IN OPERATION IN IXTAPA WHEN THE AMBASSADOR COMPLETED AN INSPECTION TOUR OCTOBER 4, IT WAS THE USG'S OBLIGATION TO RECOMMEND THAT AMCITS RECONFIRM THEIR HOTEL RESERVATIONS BEFORE VISITING MEXICO. SUBSECRETARY GRIMM RELUCTANTLY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISTAKE FOR THE GOM TO MISLEAD THE FOREIGN PUBLIC ON THE SAFETY OF THE MEXICAN TOURIST RESORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A TELECON WITH SUBSECRETARY OF TOURISM GUILLERMO GRIMM, THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT THE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS BY TOURISM SECRETARY ANTONIO ENRIQUEZ
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SAVIGNAC TO THE EFFECT THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT IN THE PACIFIC RESORT OF IXTAPA AND THAT OPERATIONS WOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL FOR THE PEAK TOURISM SEASON IN DECEMBER, WERE NOT ONLY MISLEADING BUT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE AND THE DCM HAD JUST COMPLETED AN INSPECTION TOUR OF IXTAPA ON OCTOBER 4 AND HAD FOUND CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE, WITH ONLY ONE HOTEL (CAMINO REAL) IN NORMAL OPERATION. THE OTHER HOTELS WERE ATTEMPTING TO REPAIR THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE WHICH IN SEVERAL CASES LOOKED IRREPARABLE.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED SUBSECRETARY GRIMM THAT IT WAS UNWISE TO PRETEND THAT THE PROBLEMS OF MEXICO'S TOURISM INDUSTRY WERE DUE TO AN ANTI-MEXICO CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S. PRESS. THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT OF TOURISM OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE DAMAGE AND FOLLOW UP ON THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SUBSECRETARY WAS TOLD THAT THE USG WAS TRYING TO BE HELPFUL AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S FIRST DUTY WAS TO BE CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF US CITIZENS VISITING MEXICO. IN KEEPING WITH THIS OBLIGATION, THE AMBASSADOR TOLD THE SUBSECRETARY THAT HE HAD ASKED THAT THOSE AMERICANS VISITING MEXICO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAD GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS AT THE HOTELS WHERE THEY PLANNED TO STAY.

4. THE SUBSECRETARY OF TOURISM REPLIED THAT GOM ENGINEERS FROM THE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND (FONATUR) HAD ALREADY PRONOUNCED THESE HOTELS SAFE FOR OCCUPANCY. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD MR. GRIMM THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GOM ENGINEERS WAS NOT INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED IN THE WAKE OF THE KILLER EARTH-
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QUAKES OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20, AND THAT IT WOULD BE TERRIBLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IF THE GOM WERE TO ANNOUNCE THE REOPENING OF THESE TOURISM CENTERS UNDER SUCH HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.

5. SUBSECRETARY GRIMM FINALLY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE A GRAVE MISTAKE TO MISLEAD THE FOREIGN PUBLIC ON THE STATE OF SAFETY OF THE MEXICAN TOURIST RESORTS. GRIMM, HOWEVER, LET THE AMBASSADOR KNOW THAT HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT BEING ABLE TO PREVAIL ON THIS POINT, AND THAT IT MIGHT COST HIM HIS JOB. COMMENT: MANY IN THE GOM ARE CONVINCED THAT THE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THEIR PROBLEMS INCLUDING EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, AND ARE INCLINED TO USE TRUTH AND REALISM SPARINGLY. (DRAFTED:CCCROOK-CASTAN)GAVIN

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EO 12356: N/A
TAGS: KSCA, MX, US
SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF METEOROLOGICAL AND EARTHQUAKE DATA

REF: A) GOLDEN 6066, B) MEXICO 20831, C) MEXICO 20878,
D) STATE 299164

1. EMBASSY SCICOUNS MET WITH CAPT. SILVINO AGUILAR
ANGUIANO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN NATIONAL
WEATHER SERVICE, ON OCT 16, 1985.

2. CAPT. AGUILAR STRESSED THE POINT THAT METEOROLOGICAL
DATA HAS NOT BEEN EXCHANGED WITH THE US NATIONAL
METEOROLOGICAL CENTER (NMC) SINCE THE MORNING OF SEPT
19, 1985, WHEN MEXICO'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM WAS DAMAGED DUE TO THE EARTHQUAKE. AGUILAR ALSO
MENTIONED THAT THE MEXICAN FORECAST CENTER IS IN GREAT
NEED OF METEOROLOGICAL DATA FROM THE US IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE ACCURATE WEATHER FORECASTS AND ASSUMES THAT NMC
IS ALSO IN NEED OF MEXICAN METEOROLOGICAL DATA FOR
THEIR FORECAST NEEDS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HURRICANE
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3. CAPT. AGUILAR STATED THAT RELIABLE METEOROLOGICAL
COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE US WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE
RESTORED ANY TIME SOON. AGUILAR MENTIONED THAT MEXICO
WAS GOING TO APPROACH THE WMO'S VOLUNTARY COOPERATION
PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING A RELIABLE
TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUIT BETWEEN MEXICO'S
METEOROLOGICAL CENTER AND NOAA'S NATIONAL
METEOROLOGICAL CENTER. IN ORDER TO WORK AROUND A
POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS BLACKOUT AS IS PRESENTLY BEING

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EXPERIENCED DUE TO THE EARTHQUAKE OF SEPT 19, AGUILAR IS THINKING OF A SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTERS.

4. AGUILAR BROUGHT OUT A POINT OF INTEREST. IF A RELIABLE METEOROLOGICAL COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUIT IS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE US, THE METEOROLOGICAL CIRCUIT COULD ALSO BE USED FOR EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

5. EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES CONCEPT OF A RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SO AS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON A TIMELY BASIS IN CASE OF A NATURAL DISASTER. EMBASSY FEELS THAT CAPT. AGUILAR'S IDEA OF A COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUIT BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTERS VIA SATELLITE HAS MERIT AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

6. AGUILAR'S COMMENTS THAT THE METEOROLOGICAL CIRCUIT COULD ALSO BE USED AS A MEANS OF RELIABLY EXCHANGING SEISMIC DATA ON A ROUTINE AS WELL AS ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS FALLS IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER IN REFTEL A.
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HOWEVER, AGUILAR'S AGENCY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS AT PRESENT TIME TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT OF THE SCOPE ENVISIONED.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: IN LIEU OF THE ABOVE, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT CONSULT WITH NOAA AND AID'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF A RELIEF EFFORT TO ASSIST MEXICO IN ESTABLISHING A RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE US AND MEXICAN NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL CENTERS SO AS TO EFFECTIVELY EXCHANGE METEOROLOGICAL AND EARTHQUAKE DATA. (SSOTO)
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EO 12356: NA
TAGS: SENV, MX
SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE DATA UPDATE

1. SEISMOLOGICAL ACTIVITY - SUMMARY OF EVENTS DERIVED
FROM DATA REPORTED FROM UNAM SEISMO SECTION:

2. OCT 18 - 3:17AM LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF 4.0 ON THE
RICHTER SCALE. EPICENTER LOCATED AT 17.28N, 101.0W
(OFF GUERRERO COAST).

OCT 19 - 2:28AM LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF 3.9 ON THE
RICHTER SCALE. EPICENTER 2KM WEST OF COLONIA OLIVAR DE
LOS PADRES (MEXICO CITY).

- 13:19 LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE NOT GIVEN.
EPICENTER IN SAME GENERAL AREA AS TREMOR RECORDED AT
2:28AM.

OCT 20 - 0055AM LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF 3.0 ON THE
RICHTER SCALE. EPICENTER LOCATED 4KM SW OF TACUBAYA
SEISMO STATION (MEXICO CITY).

- 0456AM LOCAL TIME. MAGNITUDE OF 2.5 ON THE
RICHTER SCALE. EPICENTER IN SAME GENERAL AREA AS
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TREMOR RECORDED AT 0055AM. (SSOTO) GAVIN

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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF OCTOBER 21, 1985

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER
18, 19 AND 20.

OCTOBER 18:

THERE WERE NO ARA TOPICS DISCUSSED.

OCTOBER 19:

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS -- REVIEW AUTHORITY: James Cooper, Senior Reviewer

EL SALVADOR: JUST A YEAR AGO, A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED PEACE CONFERENCE RAISED HOPES THAT THE CIVIL WAR IN EL SALVADOR MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT TO AN END. BUT THOSE HOPES HAVE PLUNGED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS. (CONNIE CHUNG)

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW IN EL SALVADOR THEN THEY WERE A YEAR AGO. LAST WEEK THE GUERRILLAS ATTACKED A MILITARY TRAINING CAMP. THE MOOD OF THE COUNTRY HAS CHANGED SINCE THE TALKS. LAST JUNE THE REBELS KILLED FOUR MARINES IN A

RESTAURANT IN SAN SALVADOR. THE GOVERNMENT HAS STEPPED UP ITS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS, BUT THE MILITARY SITUATION REMAINS AT A STALEMATE. THERE WERE DEMONSTRATIONS FOR PEACE HERE THIS WEEK, BUT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GUERRILLAS SO FAR APART, PEACE SEEMS FURTHER AWAY NOW THAN IT DID A YEAR AGO. (JACK REYNOLDS, SAN SALVADOR)

MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE: A REPORT BY THE UN SAYS THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EARTHQUAKE KILLED 8,000 PEOPLE, MADE 100,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS, AND CAUSED FOUR BILLION IN DAMAGE. IN ADDITION, 150,000 PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF THE QUAKE.

2. PRESS SUMMARY, OCTOBER 19-21, 1985

(MONDAY, 10/21) NEW YORK TIMES --

NICARAGUA: LARRY ROHTER, P. 3 ("SANDINISTA PREDICTS REBEL ROUT SOON"); DANIEL ORTEGA "SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY HAD SWUNG SHARPLY IN FAVOR OF THE SANDINISTA ARMY AND PREDICTED THAT HIS FORCES WOULD DECISIVELY DEFEAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT REBELS 'IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.'

"MR. ORTEGA ALSO SAID THAT THE IMMINENCE OF A 'STRATEGIC VICTORY' OVER THE US-SUPPORTED REBELS HAD BEEN BEHIND HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE SUSPENSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES IN NICARAGUA LAST WEEK." HE SAID, "THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED FUNDAMENTALLY TO COMBAT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CONTRAS OPENING AN INTERNAL FRONT," THOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUSPENSION WOULD HURT THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE ABROAD.

ROHTER FINDS IN THE REMARKS "A STRIKING CHANGE OF TONE" FOR ORTEGA, WHO "IN THE PAST HAS CONSISTENTLY OFFERED GRIM ASSESSMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC CHALLENGES THE NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION FACES AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS PUBLICLY PREDICTED THAT AN INVASION OF HIS COUNTRY BY THE US WAS IN THE WORKS."

NICARAGUA: SAME PAGE SPECIAL/ESTELI, 10/20 ("THOUSANDS HEAR CARDINAL"): "FIVE DAYS AFTER THE GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE AND OTHER PUBLIC LIBERTIES, MIGUEL CARDINAL OBANDO Y BRAVO, A FREQUENT UNCLASSIFIED

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CRITIC OF THE RULING SANDINISTA FRONT, DREW A CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND ROMAN CATHOLICS IN THIS NORTHERN TOWN TODAY." A CHURCH STATEMENT CRITICIZED THE CRACKDOWN.

MEXICO: WILLIAM STOCKTON, SAME PAGE FROM MEXICO CITY, 10/20 ("MEXICO'S GIGANTIC TASK: REBUILDING") REPORTS RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, RECAPS THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

EL SALVADOR: MARLISE SIMONS, P. 4 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 10/20 ("SNAG IN FREEING DUARTE DAUGHTER"): "THE ARCHBISHOP OF SAN SALVADOR FLEW TO PANAMA TODAY TO DEAL WITH NEW PROBLEMS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF PRES. JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE, ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO THE TALKS." RIVERA Y DAMAS IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS, AND POSSIBLY OFFICIALS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES "TO DISCUSS THEIR ROLE IN WHAT IS BECOMING AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX EXCHANGE DEAL, THE SOURCES SAID."

PERU: REUTERS/LIMA, 10/20 ("PERU ASSAILS U.S. ON RAPES") NOTES A PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTEST OVER THE DEPARTURE OF FIVE MARINES ACCUSED OF RAPE. A US EMBASSY SPOKESMAN "SAID THE MARINES HAD DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY BUT WOULD BE TRIED IN THE US IF THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF GUILT."

NICARAGUA: TOM WICKER COLUMN, P. 21 ("THE WORST ENEMY; MANAGUA SHOULD LOOK TO ITSELF"): "THOSE AMERICANS WHO CONSIDER IT ILLICIT AND UNWARRANTED FOR THE US TO INTERVENE MILITARILY IN THE AFFAIRS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS HAVE A HEAVY BURDEN TO BEAR IN NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT. ITS HEAVY-HANDED SUSPENSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES HAS MADE THAT BURDEN MUCH HARDER TO BEAR." UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS "ADMITTEDLY MARXIST AND CLOSELY ALLIED WITH CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION" BUT POSES NO THREAT TO THE US. HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES HAVE BEEN "IN NO WAY COMPARABLE TO THOSE THE SOMOZA REGIME PERPETRATED, OR TO THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA..." NONETHLESS THE US ADMINISTRATION HAS CONCEDED "ALL BUT OPENLY" THAT "ITS AIM IS TO OVERTHROW, OR AT LEAST TO 'CHANGE THE FORM' OF, THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT."

WHILE THE SANDINISTAS HAVE SOMETIMES TRIED TO BUILD INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION TO THIS POLICY, "MORE OFTEN THEY

HAVE SEEMED TO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO LEND PLAUSIBILITY TO ADMINISTRATION CHARGES..." THE CRACKDOWN IS THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF THIS.

"IF THE NEW RESTRICTIONS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED... THEY WILL PUT AN EFFECTIVE END TO THE POLITICAL LIBERTY THAT HAS REMAINED SURPRISINGLY VIGOROUS IN NICARAGUA; THAT CAN ONLY DRIVE MORE INTERNAL POLITICAL CRITICS OF THE

SANDINISTAS INTO THE MILITARY INSURGENCY AGAINST THEM.

"THUS," WICKER CONCLUDES, "IF RONALD REAGAN IS NOT, THE SANDINISTAS SURELY ARE THEIR OWN WORST ENEMY. UNDER HIS PRESSURE, THEY NEEDED TO PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT THEY WERE NOT THE REPRESSIVE DICTATORS HE SAID THEY WERE; INSTEAD, THEY SEEM ALMOST DETERMINED TO FIT HIS DESCRIPTION."

(SUNDAY, 10/20) NEW YORK TIMES --

NICARAGUA: SPECIAL/MANAGUA BRIEF, 10/19, P. 5 ("MANAGUA SAYS IT BROKE 'VAST' REBEL NETWORK") CITES A BARRICADE REPORT ON THE ARREST OF 129 IN THE NORTHERN TOWN OF MATAGALPA.
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NICARAGUA: "THE WORLD," P. E2 ("CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE SUSPENDED IN NICARAGUA") RECAPS THE CRACKDOWN. "...THE GOVERNMENT SEEMED PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT ITS ROMAN CATHOLIC CRITICS. IT BANNED IGLESIA, A NEW CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER, SEIZED THE FIRST EDITION AND POSTED SECURITY AGENTS IN A CHURCH PUBLISHING OFFICE. LEGAL GUARANTEES OF FREE SPEECH, ASSEMBLY AND TRAVEL WERE SHELVED ALONG WITH HABEAS CORPUS, THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE UNIONS AND STRIKES AND THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY IN THE HOME AND THE MAILS."

EL SALVADOR: JAMES LEMOYNE, SAME PAGE FROM SAN SALVADOR ("TRADING PRISONERS FOR A PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER; HOW REBELS CAN KEEP SALVADOR ON EDGE") FINDS THE KIDNAPPING COULD INFLUENCE DUARTE'S MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIL WAR.

"THE SHIFT TO HARSHER TACTICS REFLECTS SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED REBEL THINKING. THE GUERRILLAS APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN UP HOPE OF FINDING IN THE SALVADORAN MIDDLE CLASS AND WESTERN DEMOCRACIES ALLIES WHO COULD FORM THE SORT OF BROAD ALLIANCE THAT BROUGHT THE SANDINISTAS TO POWER IN NICARAGUA IN 1979. THEIR STRATEGY NOW IS TO SURVIVE AS A FORCE ABLE TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OFF BALANCE."

"...THE KIDNAPPING IS LIKELY TO HEIGHTEN POLARIZATION AND MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THAT EXILED MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT CAN BE PERSUADED TO RETURN HOME. IT MAY ALSO REDUCE THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE CONCESSIONS TO

END THE WAR. AN ARMY OFFICER SAID SOME COMMANDERS WERE ALREADY COMPLAINING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS ARE TYING THE ARMY'S HANDS."

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(SATURDAY, 10/19) NEW YORK TIMES) --

PORT OF SPAIN: (OCT. 18) FROM TRINIDAD, (REUTERS) P.2: ("10 DIE IN TRINIDAD BLAST").

NICARAGUA: STEPHEN KINZER, (OCT. 18) FROM MANAGUA, P.3. ("NICARAGUA SEIZES FIVE AS TERRORISTS; SANDINISTA SAYS THEY PLANNED BOMBINGS IN CAPITAL AND LINKS THEM TO REBELS") "INTERIOR MINISTER TOMAS BORGE SAID THURSDAY NIGHT THAT SECURITY AGENTS HAD CAPTURED FIVE PEOPLE WHO HE SAID PLANNED TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST BOMBINGS HERE.

"MR. BORGE SAID THE FOUR MEN AND ONE WOMAN WERE ACTING UNDER ORDERS FROM THE NICARAGUA DEMOCRATIC FORCE, THE MAIN ANTI-SANDINISTA INSURGENT GROUP.

"A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC FORCE, BOSCO MATAMOROS, SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE FIVE PEOPLE ARRESTED IN MANAGUA HAD NO CONNECTION WITH HIS GROUP AND THAT THE GROUP HAD MADE NO PLANS TO BOMB BUILDINGS.

"'WE DO NOT PRACTICE URBAN TERROR,' MR. MATAMOROS SAID....

NICARAGUA: FROM WASHINGTON, (OCTOBER 18) P.3. ("ORTEGA CANCELS U.S. TOUR") "NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS HERE SAID TODAY THAT PRESIDENT ORTEGA HAD CANCELED PLANS FOR AN EXTENDED SPEAKING TOUR OF THE U.S. AFTER HIS APPEARANCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS NEXT WEEK.

"A NICARAGUAN DIPLOMAT SAID THE TOUR HAD TO BE CANCELED BECAUSE THE U.S. DELAYED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE IN ISSUING MR. ORTEGA AN UNRESTRICTED VISA. BUT A SENIOR REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL SUGGESTED IT WAS BECAUSE THE SANDINISTA LEADER HAD FEARED GETTING 'A REAL ROUGH RECEPTION' BECAUSE OF HIS IMPOSITION OF NEW CURBS ON
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CIVIL LIBERTIES THIS WEEK IN NICARAGUA."

(MONDAY, 10/21) WASHINGTON POST --

NICARAGUA: EDIT, P. 14 ("REGRESSION IN NICARAGUA"):
"THE SANDINISTAS IN NICARAGUA HAVE GONE BACK TO THE CUBAN-TYPE POLICE-STATE RULES THEY SUSPENDED LAST YEAR DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, WHEN A HINT OF OPENNESS TO

PLURALISM WAS DEEMED CONVENTIENT. EVEN IN THE INTERVAL, ARBITRARINESS AND REPRESSION WERE COMMON. NOW THE TOTALITARIAN CORE OF THE SANDINISTA PHILOSOPHY IS OUT IN PLAIN VIEW."

THE SANDINISTAS BLAME THE US AND THE CONTRAS, BUT THEIR

CREDIBILITY IS LOW. INSTEAD OF MOVING TO RECONCILE THE NATION, THEY "HAVE INCREASINGLY ALIENATED NICARAGUANS LIVING UNDER THEIR RULE AND REFUSED TO COUNTENANCE ANY DIALOGUE WITH THOSE NICARAGUANS WHO-- MANY OF THEM ANYWAY-- WERE DRIVEN TO TAKE UP ARMS BY THE SANDINISTAS' REPUDIATION OF THEIR OWN REVOLUTION'S DEMOCRATIC PROMISE." WITH THE NEW MEASURES, MORE RESISTANCE IS LIKELY TO BE CHanneled INTO ARMED STRUGGLE. THE MOVE ALSO GIVES THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION "AN ENORMOUSLY USEFUL READY-MADE CASE TO TAKE TO CONGRESS."

EDIT NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT "REPORTS PERSIST THAT LEADING DEMOCRATS IN THE NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION ARE DISTRESSED BY THE PLACE IN ITS RANKS OF FOLLOWERS OF ...SOMOZA, AND BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES STILL BEING REPORTED. THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP THE CONTRAS EVIDENTLY HAVE A GOOD WAY TO GO.

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"THE UNHAPPY TRUTH OF NICARAGUA IS THAT EACH SIDE HAS AN INVESTMENT IN THE OTHER'S BAD BEHAVIOR. THE SANDINISTA CRACKDOWN PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THE CONTRAS, THE CONTRAS' EXCESSES INTO THE HANDS OF THE SANDINISTAS. BOTH WAYS, THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ARE THE LOSERS. A RECONCILIATION OF ALL NICARAGUANS PREPARED TO LIVE WITH EACH OTHER REMAINS THE ONLY DECENT WAY OUT."

NICARAGUA: MARGOT HORNBLLOWER, P. 17 FROM NEW YORK, 10/20 ("ORTEGA, IN NY, DEFENDS STATE OF EMERGENCY"): ORTEGA, "DEFENDING LAST WEEK'S IMPOSITION OF SWEEPING RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL RIGHTS, SAID TODAY THAT THEY WERE NECESSARY TO PREVENT 'TERRORISM, SABOTAGE AND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS' BY OPPONENTS..."

IN AN INTERVIEW HE SAID "THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD TO CRACK DOWN ON THE PRESS AND ON ACTIVISM BY ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS TO PREVENT 'PROPAGANDA' AGAINST A THE DRAFT..."

"...TO REPAIR WHAT HE ACKNOWLEDGED WAS A 'PUBLIC RELATIONS' PROBLEM..., ORTEGA HAS PLANNED MEEETINGS WITH DOZENS OF HEADS OF STATE AND OTHER FOREIGN OFFICIALS AS WELL AS A TELEVISION APPEARANCE ON 'THE PHIL DONAHUE SHOW.'"

(SUNDAY, 10/20) WASHINGTON POST --

BRAZIL: P. 24 CARRIES A MAC MARGOLIS PHOTO ESSAY, ("FAVELAS; THE SLUMS OF RIO").

NICARAGUA: SPECIAL/MANAGUA, P. 25, 10/19 ("NICARAGUA

ARRESTS 134 FOR AIDING GUERRILLAS; 5 ACCUSED OF PLOTTING SABOTAGE IN MANAGUA"): "THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT HAS ARRESTED 134 PERSONS SUSPECTED OF AIDING ANTI-SANDINISTA REBELS, INCLUDING FIVE ACCUSED OF FORMING AN URBAN UNCLASSIFIED

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'TERRORIST CELL' TO SABOTAGE SEVERAL TARGETS." INTERIOR MINISTER BORGE SAID THE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL LIBERTIES WERE NEEDED TO PREVENT SUCH ACTIVITIES.

MEXICO: P. 26 MEXICO CITY BRIEF ("EXPROPRIATION IN MEXICO") NOTES CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT SEIZURE OF LOTS TO HOUSE THOSE MADE HOMELESS BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

(SATURDAY, 10/19) WASHINGTON POST --

S/LPD: CORRECTIONS, P.3. -- "AN ARTICLE ON TUESDAY'S FEDERAL REPORT PAGE INCORRECTLY REPORTED THAT OTTO J. REICH, DIRECTOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY, HAD ACKNOWLEDGED PROVIDING A DOCUMENT TO A PRIVATE GROUP."

NICARAGUA: AROUND THE WORLD, P. 20 FROM MANAGUA ("ORTEGA GETS VISA LATE") "NICARAGUA PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA RECEIVED A U.S. VISA THAT WILL ALLOW HIM TO ATTEND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES AT THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESWOMAN SAID DELAYS IN ITS ARRIVAL FORCED HIM TO CANCEL VISITS TO 10 AMERICAN STATES.

"THE SPOKESWOMAN, ANGELA SABALLOS, SHOWED JOURNALISTS THE VISA THURSDAY NIGHT. IT WAS DATED BOTH OCTOBER 9 AND OCTOBER 17, AND SABALLOS SAID THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MANAGUA DID NOT DELIVER IT TO ORTEGA UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17.

"THE LEFTIST SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA SENT A STRONG PROTEST WEDNESDAY TO THE UNITED STATES ABOUT THE DELAY IN ISSUING ORTEGA'S VISA. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE CALLED THE DELAY ILLEGAL AND ARBITRARY."

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NICARAGUA: LETTER, P. 21, BY PAUL REICHLER AND JUDITH APPELBAUM, REPRESENTING NICARAGUA BEFORE THE WORLD COURT, ARGUE AGAINST A POST EDIT FINDING US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CASE, THOUGH "DISCONCERTING," NOT ALL THAT TROUBLING.

(MONDAY, 10/21) WALL STREET JOURNAL, NO ARA SUBJECTS --

(MONDAY, 10/21) CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

EL SALVADOR: P. 2 BRIEF: ("KIDNAPPERS HOLDING DUARTE'S DAUGHTER INCREASE DEMANDS").

MEXICO: SAME COLUMN: ("THREE MINOR TREMORS SHAKE ALREADY BATTERED MEXICO CITY").

MEXICO: DENNIS VOLMAN, P. 18: ("U.S. DIRECTOR OF A MEXICAN MODERN ART MUSEUM SPARKS CONTROVERSY").

(MONDAY, 10/21) BALTIMORE SUN --

NICARAGUA: P. 2 BRIEF: ("ORTEGA SAYS DEFEAT OF 'CONTRAS' IS IMMINENT").

(MONDAY, 10/21) USA TODAY --

EL SALVADOR: JUAN WALTE, P. 5 ("DEAL FOR DUARTE'S DAUGHTER STALLS"): "...THE MAIN STICKING POINTS SEEMED TO BE THE LOGISTICS OF THE EXCHANGE."

NICARAGUA: SAME PAGE BRIEF: ("ORTEGA SAYS 'CONTRAS' ARE NEAR DEFEAT").

MEXICO: SAME COLUMN NOTES 3 NEW TREMORS, NO REPORTS OF MAJOR DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

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GUATEMALA: EDIT, P. 9 ("GUATEMALA RESPONDS") IS ENCOURAGED BY A POLL FINDING WIDESPREAD ENTHUSIASM FOR NEXT MONTH'S ELECTIONS.
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TAGS: SENV, PBTS, PREL, MX
SUBJECT: US-MEXICO NATURAL DISASTERS AGREEMENT:
APPLYING THE LESSONS OF THE EARTHQUAKE

REF: MEXICO 20572

1. (U) FEMA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPARTMENT AND OFDA, IS WILLING TO DISPATCH TO MEXICO CITY, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOM, A HIGH LEVEL TEAM TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES IN EXPLORING LESSONS LEARNED FROM RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

2. (C) U.S.-MEXICO SUBCOMMITTEE ON GEOLOGICAL PHENOMENA CO-CHAIRMAN KRIMM IS WILLING TO DISCUSS A REVAMPING OF THE TASKS PROVIDED FOR IN THE U.S.-MEXICO NATURAL DISASTERS AGREEMENT AND WORK PLAN IN LIGHT OF THE GOM'S EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO CITY, BUT WOULD NOT WANT TO EXPAND
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THE AGREEMENT BEYOND THE BORDER AREA DUE TO RESOURCE LIMITATIONS.

3. (U) IF EMBASSY AND GOM WISH TO PURSUE THIS TEAM VISIT, WE WILL NEED MORE PRECISE IDENTIFICATION OF THE TOPICS AND AREAS TO BE COVERED IN ORDER TO PUT TOGETHER AN APPROPRIATE TEAM.

4. (U) PLEASE ADVISE IF GOM WISHES A MEETING AND IN WHAT

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SUBJECT: W/W: TIMELY RETRIEVAL OF THE PERSONAL EFFECTS
OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

REF: MEXICO 21042

1. DEPT RECOGNIZES THAT THE FOLLOWING REQUEST WILL ADD
ANOTHER BURDEN TO MEXICO'S ALREADY HEAVY LOAD BUT
BELIEVES THAT ACTION NOW WILL SAVE TIME AND AGONY TO THE
INVOLVED FAMILIES AS WELL AS TO THE EMBASSY IN THE FUTURE.

2. POST SHOULD BE ACTIVELY TRYING TO RETRIEVE ANY
PERSONAL EFFECTS IN THE POSSESSION OF MEXICAN
AUTHORITIES, OR OTHERS' BELONGING TO AMERICAN CITIZENS
WHO ARE MISSING OR PRESUMED DEAD AS A RESULT OF THE
RECENT EARTHQUAKES. FAMILIES OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS
CONTINUE TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS
MATTER FOR PERSONAL AND LEGAL REASONS. THE RECOVERY OF
SUCH ITEMS WOULD ASSIST ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO PROVE
THAT A PARTICULAR PERSON WAS IN THE AFFECTED AREA AT THE
TIME OF THE QUAKE AND MIGHT BE PRESUMED TO HAVE DIED AS A
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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF OCTOBER 25, 1985

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 24 EVENING T.V. NEWSCASTS AND
PROGRAMS.

(CBS EVENING NEWS)

DUARTE DAUGHTER: PRESIDENT DUARTE'S DAUGHTER WAS
HELICOPTERED TO HIM AFTER BEING RELEASED TO THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND THE RED CROSS IN A NEARLY DESERTED TOWN.
ABOUT THE SAME TIME THE FIRST OF UP TO 96 BADLY WOUNDED
REBELS ARRIVED AT AN AIRPORT TO BE FLOWN TO OTHER

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COUNTRIES FOR TREATMENT. AND ANOTHER GROUP OF GUERRILLAS WERE RELEASED FROM A GOVERNMENT PRISON, TRUCKED DIRECTLY TO REBEL STRONGHOLDS. ONE OF THEM CALLED THE EXCHANGED A BLOW AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, A TRIUMPH FOR THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR. ON THE OTHER SIDE REBELS ARE EXPECTED TO RELEASE LATER TODAY SOME THREE DOZEN OFFICIALS THEY KIDNAPPED FROM SMALL TOWNS. DUARTE'S HANDLING OF THIS CASE IS BEING ATTACKED BY RIGHT-WING POLITICANS WHO SAY HE SEEMED WILLING TO SELL OUT THE COUNTRY FOR HIS DAUGHTER'S FREEDOM. BUT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR STOOD BY DUARTE THROUGHOUT THE ORDEAL. (FOOTAE OF AMBASSADOR EDWIN CORR: "WE DECLARE OUR SOLIDARITY WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. DUARTE IN A TIME OF TRIAL.") (MIKE O'CONNOR, SAN SALVADOR)

2. PRESS SUMMARY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1985

NEW YORK TIMES --

NICARAGUA: BERNARD WEINRAUB, FRONT PAGE LEAD ("PRESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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URGES SOVIET TO RESOLVE WARS IN 5 NATIONS") ON THE REAGAN UN SPEECH, INCLUDES: "MR. REAGAN LINKED PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS TO THE RESOLUTION OF FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, COMBODIA, ETHIOPIA AND NICARAGUA.

"ALL OF THESE CONFLICTS,' HE SAID, 'ARE THE CONSEQUENCE OF AN IDEOLOGY IMPOSED FROM WITHOUT, DIVIDING NATIONS AND CREATING REGIMES THAT ARE, ALMOST FROM THE DAY THEY TOOK POWER, AT WAR WITH THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

"AND IN EACH CASE, MARXISM-LENINISM'S WAR WITH THE PEOPLE BECOMES WAR WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS,' HE SAID.

"IN AN IMMEDIATE REACTION..., NICARAGUA'S PRESIDENT, DANIEL ORTEGA SAAVEDRA, SPOKE ANGRILY, SAYING, 'IT'S A SLAP IN THE FACE OF THE UN ON ITS 40TH BIRTHDAY.' ALLUDING TO AMERICAN AID TO ANTI-SANDINISTA REBELS, MR. ORTEGA ADDED, 'LET HIM STOP HIS DIRTY WAR IN NICARAGUA.'"

P.10 SPECIAL ("NICARAGUA AND ETHIOPIA REBUT REAGAN REMARKS"): "NICARAGUAN AND ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS DENOUNCED PRES. REAGAN'S SPEECH AT THE UN TODAY AND TOOK ISSUE WITH HIS ASSERTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SOVIET-BACKED TROOPS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

"...MR. ORTEGA TOOK PARTICULAR OFFENSE AT MR. REAGAN'S ASSERTION THAT THERE WERE 8000 SOVIET-BLOC AND CUBAN PERSONNEL IN NICARAGUA, INCLUDING 3500 MILITARY AND SECRET POLICE PERSONNEL.

"THE STATEMENT, MR. ORTEGA SAID, WAS 'TOTALLY RIDICULOUS AND UNSUBSTANTIATED.' MR. ORTEGA ASSERTED THAT THERE

WERE '700 MILITARY ADVISERS, ALL OF THEM CUBANS,' IN HIS COUNTRY.

P. 11 CARRIES: ("TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY").

EL SALVADOR: MARLISE SIMONS, FRONT PAGE FROM SAN SALVADOR, 10/24 ("DAUGHTER OF DUARTE IS RELEASED BY REBELS IN COMPLEX EXCHANGE"): "THE KIDNAPPED DAUGHTER OF PRES. JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE WAS FREED UNHARMED BY LEFTIST REBELS TODAY IN A COMPLEX EXCHANGE. SHE HAD BEEN HELD HOSTAGE FOR 44 DAYS."

THE GOES RELEASED 22 POLITICAL PRISONERS AND GAVE SAFE PASSAGE TO 96 DISABLED GUERRILLAS. THE REBELS FREED MISS DUARTE'S COMPANION AND SOME 23 KIDNAPPED SMALL-TOWN MAYORS.

"THE WHOLE EPISODE HAS BEEN NOT ONLY A PERSONAL TRIAL FOR MR. DUARTE BUT ALSO A POLITICAL TEST, WITH A NUMBER OF SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS QUESTIONING WHETHER HE SHOULD HAVE NEGOTIATED WITH THE GUERRILLAS."

ARGENTINA: LYDIA CHAVEZ, P. 8 FROM BUENOS AIRES, 10/24 ("HOME OF ARGENTINE OFFICIAL LINKED TO ARRESTS IS BOMBED") REPORTS THE BOMBING OF THE HOUSE OF ANTONIO TROCCOLI, THE INTERIOR MINISTER, "CLOELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION THIS WEEK TO JAIL 12 PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF TAKING PART IN RIGHT-WING VIOLENCE."

NICARAGUA: MAUREEN DOWD, P. 12, UN PAGE ("REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK: ORTEGA CHIC") NOTES A 17-CAR ORTEGA MOTORCADE IN NEW YORK. HE AND HIS WIFE SPENT OVER \$3500 BUYING EYEGLASSES AND FRAMES AT AN OPTICAL STORE ON THE UPPER EAST SIDE.

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INCLUDES:

"HE CASTIGATED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN, ITS SUPPORT OF VIETNAM'S INVASION OF CAMBODIA AND ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO LEFTIST REGIMES IN ETHIOPIA, ANGOLA AND NICARAGUA. TO RUB IT IN, HE ADDED TO HIS ADVANCE TEXT EXPLICIT AND BELLIGERENT COMMENTS ON MARXIST-LENINIST GOVERNMENTS AND FIGURES FOR SOVIET-BLOC TROOPS IN FIVE COUNTRIES.

"BY CONTRAST, HE DESCRIBED THE AMERICAN-AIDED 'CONTRA'

REBELS IN NICARAGUA AS 'STRUGGLING DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE FORCES.' THE DISTINCTION WILL BE LOST ON MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY MOST LATIN AMERICANS."

WASHINGTON POST --

EL SALVADOR: FRONT-PAGE PHOTO LEADS TO P. 29 MARJORIE MILLER ("DUARTE, DAUGHTER REUNITED; IMPRISONED REBELS, MAYORS EXCHANGED"): "PRES. JOSE NAPOLEON DUARTE AND HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER WERE REUNITED IN A TROPICAL DOWNPOUR TODAY, 44 DAYS AFTER INES GUADALUPE DUARTE DURAN WAS KIDNAPED FROM A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN THE CAPITAL."

"...THE KIDNAPING PUT A STRAIN ON DUARTE'S TENUOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TRADITIONALLY POWERFUL ARMY, DREW CRITICISM OF HIM FROM THE EXTREME RIGHT, AND CREATED TENSIONS WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY OVER HIS HANDLING OF THE ORDEAL."

REFUGEES: JAY MATHEWS, P. 4 FROM TUCSON: ("ON TRIAL IN TUCSON: LAW VS. CONSCIENCE; JURY BEING PICKED FOR 11 SANCTUARY WORKERS").

ARGENTINA: P. 34 BRIEF ("BOMBING IN ARGENTINA") NOTES THE EXPLOSION AT INTERIOR MINISTER TROCCOLI'S RESIDENCE.
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PERU: SAME COLUMN NOTES KILLING OF A PRISON DIRECTOR.

CHILE: SAME COLUMN NOTES A BOMB EXPLOSION OUTSIDE THE NORTH AMERICAN-CHILEAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN CONCEPCION.

NICARAGUA: "STYLE" SECTION, FRONT PAGE, DOMINATED BY A PHOTOGRAPH OF NICARAGUA'S FIRST LADY, ROSARIO MURILLO, FEATURES LLOYD GROVE PROFILE ("FIRST LADY OF THE REVOLUTION; NICARAGUA'S ROSARIO MURILLO: THE POWER AND THE POETRY"). "...SHE'S YOUNG, SHE'S ATTRACTIVE, SHE DOES HER HOMEWORK, SHE KNOWS THE LINE AND SHE SAYS IT IN ENGLISH,' SAYS A STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN. 'SHE'S A SKILLED PROPAGANDIST. JUST LIKE GORBACHEV, SHE PUTS A GOOD FACE ON FOR THE PUBLIC.'"

WALL STREET JOURNAL --

EL SALVADOR: FRONT PAGE BRIEF NOTES FREEING OF INES DUARTE.

NICARAGUA: SAME COLUMN CITES THE STATE DEPT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING "THEIR FIRST HIGH-LEVEL MEETING SINCE THE BREAKDOWN LAST WINTER OF NEGOTIATIONS ON NORMALIZING RELATIONS..."

BOLIVIA: JULIO H. COLE, "THE AMERICAS," P. 31 ("HAS BOLIVIA GONE FROM BASKET CASE TO BEST CASE?"): "FOR A

CHANGE, A RARE SUCCESS STORY IN LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC POLICY MAY BE IN THE WORKS. ON AUG. 29 BOLIVIA'S NEW PRESIDENT, VICTOR PAZ ESTENSSORO, SURPRISED EVEN MANY OF HIS CLOSEST SUPPORTERS WITH THE MOST DARING DECREE IN 33 YEARS. IF SUCCESSFUL, SUPREME DECREE NO. 21060, GENERALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOWN AS THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, WILL NOT ONLY HAVE STOPPED RAGING HYPERINFLATION (THE WORLD'S HIGHEST), BUT IT WILL ALSO SIGNAL A NEW ECONOMIC ERA FOR BOLIVIA AND SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS."

MEXICO: STEVE FRAZIER, P. 34 FROM MEXICO CITY ("MEXICO SCRAMBLES TO WOO TOURISTS FRIGHTENED AWAY BY EARTHQUAKES") REPORTS A "\$10 MILLION PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN TO CONVINCE PEOPLE TO COME TO MEXICO AGAIN, DESPITE LAST MONTH'S DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE."

"...THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONTROVERSY OVER WHICH HOTELS ARE SAFE TO STAY IN. THE US EMBASSY WILL ADVISE AMERICAN TOURISTS WHICH HOTELS HAVE BEEN CHECKED FOR SAFETY BY AMERICAN EXPERTS AND GIVE GUIDANCE ON OTHERS."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

EL SALVADOR: CHRIS NORTON, P. 9 FROM SAN SALVADOR: ("DUARTE'S DAUGHTER RELEASED IN EL SALVADOR; BUT CHANCES ARE SLIM FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN REBELS AND GOVERNMENT").

NICARAGUA: P. 36 RUNDOWN ("HOT SPOTS THAT REAGAN SAYS THREATEN US-SOVIET RELATIONS") ON THE UN ADDRESS, INCLUDES A BACKGROUND PARAGRAPH ON NICARAGUA.

BALTIMORE SUN --

EL SALVADOR: PNINA RAMATI, FRONT PAGE FROM SAN SALVADOR: ("DUARTE'S DAUGHTER IS FREED BY REBELS").

USA TODAY --

PERU: P. 5 BRIEF: ("REBELS KILL TERRORIST PRISON DIRECTOR") REPORTS ASSASSINATION OF MIGUEL CASTRO CASTRO.

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EL SALVADOR: JUAN J. WALTE, SAME PAGE ("DUARTE'S DAUGHTER FREE AFTER 44 DAYS"): "...DUARTE MAY HAVE TO PAY A HIGH POLITICAL PRICE. SAID WAYNE SMITH, A FORMER US CAREER DIPLOMAT IN LATIN AMERICA: 'I'M SURE THE MILITARY WASN'T ENTHUSED AT ALL' ABOUT THE DEAL."

WASHINGTON TIMES --

EL SALVADOR: VICKI RIVERA, FRONT PAGE: ("KIN OF DUARTE FREED IN SWAP FOR 118 REBELS").

CENTRAL AMERICA: RITA MCWILLIAMS, FRONT PAGE ("U.S. SEEKS TO DETER LATIN TERROR PLANS") IS ON TESTIMONY ON

THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE \$54 MILLION FOR COUNTERTERRORISM IN THE REGION.

DRUGS: BOB ROBINSON, P. 2 ("COSTA RICAN BORDER SEEN BECOMING MARIJUANA AREA") INTERVIEWS CARLTON TURNER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DRUG ABUSE POLICY.

ICJ: THOMAS D. BRANDT, P. 3 ("SENATE ENDORSES REAGAN'S MOVE TO QUIT WORLD COURT") REPORTS 74-21 SENATE VOTE BACKING THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM COMPULSORY WORLD COURT JURISDICTION.

PERU: P. 6 BRIEF: ("HIT SQUAD KILLS PRISON CHIEF").

REFUGEES: P. 9 EDIT ("SANCTUARY SANCTIMONY") CONCLUDES: "SHAME ON THESE HUCKSTERS. THE SANCTUARY MOVEMENT, AS NOW CONSTITUTED, IS AN ABUSE OF AMERICA'S GOODNESS TO AID AMERICA'S ENEMIES."

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NICARAGUA: TOM DIAZ, P. 10B FROM MANAGUA: ("FUNGUS THREATENS NICARAGUAN COTTON").

NICARAGUA: BILL OUTLAW, SAME PAGE ("CATHOLIC GROUP CASTIGATES SANDINISTAS") REPORTS LETTER TO ORTEGA FROM CONCERNED CATHOLICS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN NICARAGUA. SHULTZ

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 23463

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TAGS: EAID, MX
SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR POST-EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE

1. SUMMARY: VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A VARIETY OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO A VARIETY OF REQUESTS RECEIVED VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKE, THIS WEEK EMBASSY RECEIVED A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED BY FEDERAL DISTRICT OFFICIALS AS PRIORITY ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE RESTORATION OF POTABLE WATER SERVICES IN MEXICO CITY.

3. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM THE HEALTH SECTOR WHICH INCLUDES MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED BY THE NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY AND THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND TROPICAL ILLNESS. SOME OF THE SMALLER REQUESTS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE U.S. PVO'S WHO HAVE BEEN MOST RESPONSIVE. CURRENTLY, THERE IS AN OFDA CONTRACTED PVO COORDINATOR WHO HAS IDENTIFIED OVER DOLS 20 MILLION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY PVO'S TO MEXICO.

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4. THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR (GOBERNACION) IS REQUESTING DOLS 6 MILLION (U.S.) TO FINANCE A DETAILED SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF 18 SEMI-INDEPENDENT AREAS OF MEXICO FOR INCLUSION IN A DECENTRALIZATION PROJECT. THE INFORMATION FROM THE STUDY WOULD ALLOW THE GOM TO DIRECT DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TOWARDS MOVING PEOPLE OUT OF MEXICO CITY, WHICH SOME HAVE CALLED THE WORLD'S LARGEST DEMOGRAPHIC DISASTER AREA.

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5. A NUMBER OF THE U.S. PVO'S THAT ARE WORKING WITH

LOCAL PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE INQUIRED AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF USG MATCHING FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS. AMONG THE INQUIRIES ARE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FROM CARE, SALVATION ARMY AND A CONSORTIUM OF PVO'S COORDINATED BY UNICEF. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN JOB CREATION ACTIVITIES AS PER THE SUCCESSFUL ADMIC MODEL OF MONTERREY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS ONE GROUP OF LOCAL PRIVATE LEADERS THAT ARE PROPOSING THAT A MODEL SUB-CITY BE PLANNED AND CONSTRUCTED ON A 150 HECTARE SITE NEAR THE CENTER OF MEXICO WHERE THE WORST EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE OCCURRED.

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6. OTHER REQUESTS INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO ASSIST, MODERNIZE AND DECENTRALIZE THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AS PER STATE 317634, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SELECTED PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AND SUPPORT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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7. ALL THESE REQUESTS NEED TO BE PRIORITIZED AND CLEARED WITH PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID'S OFFICE BEFORE THE EMBASSY CAN FORMULATE THE MOST APPROPRIATE ROLE FOR U.S.G. ASSISTANCE. PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS ONLY TO ADVISE THAT SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST APPEARS TO EXIST
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FOR U.S.G. ASSISTANCE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT.

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8. WE WILL ADVISE AS REQUESTS ARE PRIORITIZED AND FINALIZED. (AID:STAYLOR) GAVIN

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PGOV, PINS, MX
SUBJECT: PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY GIVES GOM MIXED GRADES
- ON ITS RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKES

SUMMARY:

1. (U) THE RESULTS OF A SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY PUBLIC
OPINION POLL PUBLISHED BY ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST RESPECTED
POLLSTERS SHOW THAT 73 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF
MEXICO CITY RATED THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE QUAKE
AS FAIR TO EXCELLENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, SLIGHTLY MORE
THAN HALF OF THE SAME RESPONDENTS STATED THAT THE AUTHOR-
ITIES WERE LATE IN THEIR RESCUE RESPONSE OR DID LESS THAN
THE PUBLIC EXPECTED. IN THE PUBLIC'S VIEW THE GOVERN-
MENT'S PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER, PALED IN COMPARISON TO THE
VERY HIGH MARKS AWARDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,
MEXICO CITY FIREMEN, AND THE RESIDENTS OF MEXICO CITY.
THE PUBLIC'S HIGHEST LEVELS OF DISAPPROVAL WAS GIVEN
RESPECTIVELY TO POLITICIANS (WITHOUT DISTINCTION TO PARTY),
THE ARMY, AND THE MEXICO CITY POLICE FORCE. END SUMMARY.

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2(U) THE INSTITUTO MEXICANO DE OPINION PUBLICA, A.C.
(IMOP), ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST RESPECTED AND RELIABLE
POLLING FIRMS, PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 29 A SURVEY ON THE
CONSEQUENCES OF THE EARTHQUAKES. THE SURVEY'S FINDINGS
WERE THE RESULT OF 1,000 INTERVIEWS TAKEN FROM A
REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF THE POPULATION OF THE FEDERAL
DISTRICT. THE PUBLIC'S RESPONSE TO ALL OF THE SURVEY'S
QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS (ALL FIGURES ARE PERCENTAGES):

A) THE RESCUE ACTION OF THE AUTHORITIES IN THE AFTERMATH

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OF THE EARTHQUAKES OF SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 WAS:

- TIMELY: 32 LATE: 56 DON'T KNOW: 12

B) HOW WOULD YOU MEASURE THE WAY THE AUTHORITIES
CONFRONTED THE AFTERMATH OF THE QUAKES:

-THEY DID MORE THAN EXPECTED - 11
-THEY DID LESS THAN EXPECTED - 57
-THEY DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY - 30
-NO ANSWER - 2

C) DID THE AUTHORITIES KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE THE
SPONTANEOUS HELP OF THE PEOPLE?

- YES: 19 NO: 69 DON'T KNOW: 12

D) IN FACE OF THE TRAGEDY, HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE
PERFORMANCE OF THE:

- EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR BAD TERRIBLE NO ANSWER

PEOPLE	62	31	6	0	0	1
GOVERNMENT	5	32	36	16	10	1
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ARMY	13	23	25	21	17	1
POLICE	5	25	32	22	14	2
FIREMEN	67	26	5	1	0	1
POL.PARTIES	1	19	35	22	18	5
FED.DEPS.	2	15	32	26	20	5
OTHER						
COUNTRIES	69	29	1	0	0	1

E) IF THE AUTHORITIES HAD ACTED MORE QUICKLY AND RECOGNIZED
THE NEED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FIRST MOMENT, HOW MANY
MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED:

---A FEW MORE - 31
---TWICE AS MANY - 18
---THREE TIMES AS MANY - 12
---FOUR TIMES AS MANY - 11
---MORE THAN FOUR TIMES AS MANY - 21
---THEY WOULD NOT HAVE SAVED MORE- 4
---NO ANSWER - 3

F) THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONFRONT THE FOLLOWING
CONTINGENCIES:

---FLOOD - 8
---FIRES - 15
---EARTHQUAKES - 1
---VOLCANIC ERRUPTIONS - 1
---HURRICANES AND CYCLONES- 2

----HAIL AND SNOW - 2
----ALL UNFORESEEN EVENTS - 3
----NO UNFORESEEN EVENTS - 75
----NO ANSWER - 6

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3. (C) THOUGH WE FIND THE SURVEY'S RESULTS TO BE SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT, WE NEVERTHELESS, BELIEVE THE POLL IS AN ACCURATE MEASURE OF THE PUBLIC MOOD. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACT IS THAT 73 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT RATE THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE AS RANGING BETWEEN FAIR AND EXCELLENT, AND ONLY 26 PERCENT CHARACTERIZE IT AS EITHER BAD (16 PERCENT) OR TERRIBLE (10 PERCENT). WHILE SUCH RATINGS ARE NOT FLATTERING, THEY DO SUGGEST THAT THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION IS MUCH LOWER THAN SOME OBSERVERS SUGGEST.

4. (C) THE GOVERNMENT'S 73 PERCENT FAIR-TO-EXCELLENT RATING HOWEVER, SEEMS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FINDINGS THAT 56 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS THOUGHT THE REACTION OF THE AUTHORITIES WAS LATE; THAT 69 PERCENT THOUGHT THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE THE SPONTANEOUS HELP OF THE PUBLIC; AND THAT 57 PERCENT THOUGHT THAT THE AUTHORITIES COULD HAVE DONE MORE. ONE EXPLANATION FOR

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THIS SEEMING CONTRADICTION IS THAT THOSE QUESTIONED MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SURVEY'S USE OF THE TERMS "GOVERNMENT" AND "AUTHORITIES." WE SUSPECT THAT THE TERM "AUTHORITIES" WAS INTERPRETED LARGELY IN A LAW-AND-ORDER CONTEXT, WHILE "GOVERNMENT" WAS MORE LIKELY TO ENCOMPASS THE ENTIRE FEDERAL AND MUNICIPAL BUREAUCRACY. THIS INTERPRETATION IS SUGGESTED BY THE MUCH LOWER GRADES GIVEN TO THE CHIEF INSTRUMENTS OF LAW AND ORDER, THE ARMY AND THE POLICE. AMONG THE RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED, 38 PERCENT THOUGHT THAT THE ARMY'S PERFORMANCE RANGED BETWEEN BAD AND TERRIBLE, AND 36 PERCENT SIMILARLY RATED THE PERENNIALY UNPOPULAR MEXICO CITY POLICE FORCE. THE LOW PUBLIC VIEW OF THE COUNTRY'S PREPAREDNESS TO REACT IN THE FUTURE TO A VARIETY OF NATURAL DISASTERS MAY ALSO BE A SIGN OF LIMITED CONFIDENCE IN THE MILITARY, WHO NORMALLY HAS THE LEAD ROLE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. (C) IN A SIMILAR VEIN, THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO BE DRAWING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN "POLITICOS" AND THE CIVIL SERVICE IN ITS EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS SUGGESTED BY THE FACT THAT THE WORST EVALUATIONS WERE RESERVED FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE FEDERAL DEPUTIES. THE SURVEY'S FAILURE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PRI AND THE OPPOSITION LIMITS THE CONCLUSIONS THAT CAN BE DEDUCED FROM THIS DATA. WHILE MANY FAULT PRI FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH AFTER THE QUAKE, OTHERS ACCUSE THE OPPOSITION OF TRYING TO EXPLOIT A NATIONAL TRAGEDY FOR POLITICAL GAIN.

6. (C) FINALLY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS EVALUATED, MORE INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERED PERFORMANCE TO BE IN THE EXCELLENT-TO-FAIR RANGE, THAN THOUGHT IT WAS IN TO THE BAD-TO-TERRIBLE CATEGORY. WHILE THIS OFFERS THE DE LA MADRID GOVERNMENT LITTLE TO BE PROUD OF, IT

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DOES SUGGEST THAT WHILE SOME DISCONTENT MAY HAVE ARISEN AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE QUAKE, IT IS NOT OF STABILITY THREATENING PROPORTIONS. (DRAFTED:DMLINSKEY) BUSBY##
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REF: A) PARIS 43131; B) PARIS 42029; C) PARIS 39916

PARIS HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE WHETHER
MEXICO HAS RESPONDED TO REFTELS CONCERNING THE WELFARE
AND WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN MEXICO DURING THE
EARTHQUAKE. PLEASE RESPOND DIRECT TO PARIS AND INFORM
THE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU. SHULTZ

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PROGRAMS/DEVELOPMENT -- EARTHQUAKE CASES

AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 1985 WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF
NON-RECEIPTS, EARTHQUAKE RELATED OR OTHERWISE. WE
HAVE NO ADDRESS CHANGES TO REPORT EITHER.
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SUBJECT: MEXICAN HOUSING AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

REF A) MEXICO 21988, B) MEXICO 22623

1. (C) SUMMARY. THE GOM ESTIMATES THAT 30,000 HOUSING UNITS WERE BADLY DAMAGED IN THE EARTHQUAKE. OTHER ESTIMATES ARE HIGHER. THE GOM IS TRYING TO AID HOMELESS EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS EITHER BY MAKING AVAILABLE TO THEM NEWLY-BUILT GOVERNMENT HOUSING UNITS, OR BY RENOVATING EXISTING STRUCTURES. FOR THOSE IN THE CENTER OF TOWN, THE GOM HAS EXPROPRIATED LAND WHICH, PRESUMABLY, WILL BE OCCUPIED BY FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. THERE ARE MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT GOM ACTION, MOST TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOM IS DOING TOO LITTLE TOO SLOWLY. EMBOFF WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.
 2. (U) THIS IS AN INTERIM REPORT. A MORE COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE CABLED FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED
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FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12.

3. (U) THE GOM SEDUE CURRENTLY ESTIMATES THAT OVER 30,000 HOUSING UNITS IN MEXICO CITY WERE DESTROYED OR BADLY DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF THE SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 EARTHQUAKES. IN ADDITION, THE GOM IS AWARE OF ANOTHER 3100 UNITS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE REST OF MEXICO (IN THE STATES OF JALISCO, MICHOACAN, GUERRERO, AND COLIMA). THE GOM HAS NO RELIABLE ESTIMATES ON HOW MANY PEOPLE (OR EVEN FAMILIES) LIVED IN THE DESTROYED OR

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DAMAGED UNITS, SINCE SOME OF THE "UNITS" ARE MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS. THESE NUMBERS ARE LOWER THAN THOSE OF SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. NOTABLY, THE UN'S ECONOMIC COMMISSION ON LATIN AMERICA (ECLA OR CEPAL) ESTIMATES 70,000 HOUSING UNITS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR OR DEMOLITION AND THAT THERE ARE 100,000 HOMELESS.

4. (U) THE GOM IS TRYING TO PROVIDE REPAIRED OR NEWLY-BUILT HOUSING TO FAMILIES LEFT HOMELESS AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES. AS OF OCTOBER 30, THE GOM CLAIMED TO HAVE ALLOCATED 14,000 HOUSING UNITS, WITH ANOTHER 6000-8000 UNITS TO BE ALLOCATED BY YEAR'S END. BY AND LARGE, IT IS USING TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING MECHANISMS (ISSSTE'S FOVISSSTE, FOVI, INFONAVIT, ETC.) FOR THIS PURPOSE. SEVERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED TO DEAL WITH THE HOUSING PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE EARTHQUAKES.

5. (U) THE GOM DIVIDES THE AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS INTO THREE CATEGORIES: (A) THOSE (LARGELY MIDDLE CLASS) WHO USED TO LIVE IN LARGE GOVERNMENT-ADMINISTERED HOUSING PROJECTS (TLATELOLCO, BENITO JUAREZ), (B) THOSE

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(LARGELY POOR) WHO, BY AND LARGE, LIVED IN RENT-CONTROLLED AND POORLY-MAINTAINED SMALL APARTMENT BUILDINGS OR HOUSING IN THE CENTER OF TOWN, AND (C) MIDDLE AND UPPER-MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES WHO LIVED IN PRIVATE-OWNED DWELLINGS IN MIDDLE-CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS.

6. (U) FOR GROUP (A), THE GOM IS WORKING WITH VARIOUS GROUPS WHO REPRESENT THE EX-RESIDENTS OF THESE PROJECTS, AND CLAIMS TO HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENTS WITH 10 SUCH GROUPS COVERING INSURANCE, LAND, MOVING, AND THE GUARANTY OF A RIGHT TO A HOUSING UNIT. THE GOM IS OFFERING LOW-INTEREST FINANCING SO THAT THE FAMILIES CAN PURCHASE NEWLY-BUILT (BY THE GOVERNMENT) HOMES. TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING AGENCIES, SUCH AS FOVISSSTE, ARE THE SOURCE OF THE NEW UNITS.

7. (U) FOR GROUP (B), THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO EXPROPRIATE LAND IN THE CENTER OF TOWN AND REPAIR OR BUILD NEW DWELLINGS (NOT TO EXCEED FIVE STORIES). (REFTEL) THE LOW-COST HOUSING RENOVATION PROGRAM, WITH A BUDGET OF 60 BILLION PESOS (EXCLUDING PAYMENTS TO FORMER OWNERS FOR EXPROPRIATED LAND), IS THE PROGRAM UNDER WHICH THE DOWNTOWN RECONSTRUCTION WILL OCCUR.

8. (U) THE GOM HAS PUT GROUP (C) INDIVIDUALS IN TOUCH WITH THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT HOUSING FINANCE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS FOVISSSTE AND INFONAVIT. REPORTEDLY, ABOUT 3500 OF THE 14,000 HOUSING UNITS

ALREADY ALLOCATED HAVE GONE TO INDIVIDUALS IN GROUP (C).

9. (U) IN THE MEANTIME, MANY FAMILIES ARE HOUSED IN SHELTERS OR CAMPSITES. THE MULTI-AGENCY COMISION METROPOLITANA DE EMERGENCIA SAYS THAT 27 SOCIAL SECURITY CENTERS HAVE BEEN TURNED INTO SHELTERS FOR 10,000. SUCH SHELTERS REPORTEDLY PROVIDE LODGING,

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FOOD, AND MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT SOME 80 OTHER SHELTERS ARE OPERATING IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT, HOUSING 27,300 PEOPLE. THEY BELIEVE THERE IS ADDITIONAL (UNUSED) SHELTER SPACE FOR 12,700. (AT ONE POINT, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 150 SHELTERS, BUT UNDER-UTILIZATION LED TO THE CLOSE OF MANY.)

10. (U) THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL CAMPSITES, ONE OF THE

MOST PUBLICIZED BEING LOCATED IN THE PLAZA OF THE THREE CULTURES, NEAR THE TLATELOLCO HOUSING PROJECT. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT CAMPSITE RESIDENTS PREFER THE TENTS TO A SHELTER BECAUSE OF RESTRICTED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AT THE SHELTERS. (EMBOFF HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS ALLEGATION.)

11. (U) THERE HAVE BEEN MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE
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GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE. MOST ARE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOM IS NOT DOING ENOUGH, NOT DOING IT FAST ENOUGH, AND NOT DOING IT IN A WAY ACCEPTABLE TO THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. NEWSPAPERS FREQUENTLY QUOTE SHELTER AND CAMPSITE RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS THAT "WE'LL STILL BE HERE AT CHRISTMAS WAITING FROM THOSE ABOVE TO HELP US OUT". MANY IN THE GROUP (B) CATEGORY SAY THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO AID AT ALL FROM ANY OF THE COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

12. (U) ANOTHER COMPLAINT IS THE HIGH COST OF THE HOUSING PACKAGES BEING OFFERED TO GROUP (A). AN ARTICLE IN THE ECONOMIC NEWSPAPER EL FINANCIERO WAS ENTITLED "ONLY FOR THE SUPER-SALARIED" AND REPORTED THAT THE CHEAPEST HOUSING BEING OFFERED REQUIRED A MONTHLY SALARY OF 82,500 PESOS. THIS WOULD, IN FACT, PUT THE GOVERNMENT-OFFERED HOUSING OUT OF THE REACH OF MANY EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS.

13. (U) ANOTHER COMPLAINT CONCERNS GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT. IN ADDITION TO CRIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS INSUFFICIENTLY ORGANIZED DURING THE POST-EARTHQUAKE CLEAN-UP, THERE ARE FIERCE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SEDUE SECRETARY CARRILLO ARENA ABOUT IMPROPER AUTHORIZATION FOR BAD CONSTRUCTION AT JUAREZ HOSPITAL, IMPROPER CONDUCT DURING BUILDING INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT AFTER THE EARTHQUAKES, AND VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS. IN WHAT MAY BE POSTURING, CARRILLO ARENA HAS REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION TO CLEAR HIS NAME.

14. (U) FINALLY, A FEW NEWSPAPERS HAVE COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOM HAS VERBALLY PROMOTED DECENTRALIZATION, THE HOUSING IT IS MAKING AVAILABLE IS
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LOCATED ONLY IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT AND THE ADJACENT STATE OF MEXICO.

14. (C) COMMENT. EMBOFF HAS NOT YET HAD CHANCE TO

SUBSTANTIATE THE COMPLAINTS, BUT WILL TRY TO DO SO IN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11. IN THE MEANTIME, WE CAN MAKE TWO COMMENTS. FIRST, THE WIDE VARIANCE IN ESTIMATES OF NUMBER OF VICTIMS IS NOT SURPRISING GIVEN THE WIDE VARIANCES IN OTHER CATEGORIES OF VICTIMS (E.G., NUMBER DEAD). IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THERE WILL EVER BE AN ACCURATE FIGURE FOR THE NUMBER OF HOMES DESTROYED OR PEOPLE LEFT HOMELESS. SECOND, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE GOM'S EFFORTS TO HELP THE VICTIMS, ALTHOUGH WELL INTENTIONED, HAVE NOT GONE AS SMOOTHLY AS GOM WOULD LIKE. THE MYRIAD OF NEWLY-CREATED COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND WORKING GROUPS, ALL GIVEN NOT-CLEARLY DEFINED AUTHORITY IN HOUSING MATTERS MAKES THIS INEVITABLE. (EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATIONS WITH HOUSING RESPONSIBILITY IN SEPTTEL.)
END COMMENT. (DRAFTED:LKUBISKE) PASTORINO

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1. AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY DELIVERED A LETTER TO PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID ON OCTOBER 11 CONCERNING MEXICO'S EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS (SEE REFTEL).
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2. SINCE OCTOBER 11 THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE TRIED TO OBTAIN A RESPONSE TO THAT LETTER IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE GOM'S PLANS AND HOW THE USG MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL. THE AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY CALLED LOS PINOS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS (OCT. 26 - NOV. 6). FINALLY, ON NOVEMBER 6 THE AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT (SRE) FOR COORDINATION.
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3. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 13 A NOVEMBER 8 LETTER FROM SRE UNDERSECRETARY ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ. LETTER IS VERY VAGUE AND GENERAL AND DOES NOT ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT PRESS HAS REPORTED AND TO WHAT EMBASSY HAS ALREADY REPORTED TO WASHINGTON. (TEXT IS BEING POUCHED TO CONFIDENTIAL
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4. MEANWHILE, GENERAL/DR. LEOBARDO RUIZ HAS BECOME INTERESTED AND INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE. (DR. RUIZ IS HEAD OF DIF AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN.) RUIZ HAS CONTACTED BOTH PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID AND THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, EMILIO GAMBOA, ABOUT A RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 11 LETTER. RUIZ HAS TOLD POLCOUN THAT A DETAILED MEXICAN RESPONSE CONTAINING PROJECTS, PLANS, EQUIPMENT NEEDS, AND

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS NEEDED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION
WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE EMBASSY BY NOVEMBER 18 AT
THE LATEST.

5. WILL REPORT THAT RESPONSE, IF AND WHEN RECEIVED, AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. (DRAFTED:POL:RSPASTORINO) BUSBY

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AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 1985 WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF
NON-RECEIPTS, EARTHQUAKE RELATED OR OTHERWISE. WE
HAVE NO ADDRESS CHANGES TO REPORT EITHER
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SITUATION IN MEXICO AS OF 0500 EDT SEPTEMBER 22, 1985

1. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED THE OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL FROM THE TWO EARTHQUAKES TO 3,461. CITY HOSPITALS HAVE TREATED OVER 6,000 PEOPLE AS OUTPATIENTS; ONLY ABOUT 700 HAVE BEEN ADMITTED FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. THE HEAVIEST DAMAGE SEEMS TO BE IN TWO COLONIAS (DISTRICTS); OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY ARE RELATIVELY UNSCATHED. THE SUBWAY AND BUS SYSTEMS ARE RUNNING NORMALLY TO ALL BUT THE TWO MOST SERIOUSLY DAMAGED DISTRICTS.

2. WE EXPECT AN AID/OFDA AND FEMA TEAM TO ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY EARLY SUNDAY TO SURVEY THE SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. DOD HAS BEEN TASKED WITH PROVIDING A LARGE QUANTITY OF MEDICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

3. THE NAMES OF THE FOUR AMERICANS SO FAR CONFIRMED DEAD AS A RESULT OF THE EARTHQUAKES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AFTER NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN. NEWS ACCOUNTS REPORT A FIFTH UNNAMED AMERICAN VICTIM, APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IN ACAPULCO UNRELATED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EARTHQUAKE.

4. OWING TO ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS INTERFERING WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NET, A SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND EMBASSY MEXICO CITY. A COURIER TRAVELLING TO MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER 22 WILL CARRY BACKUP COPIES OF MESSAGES.

5. THE WORKING GROUP CONTINUES TO HANDLE A TORRENT OF TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BOTH AMERICAN CITIZENS AND OTHERS CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. CITIZENS ARE HANDLED BY WORKING GROUP VOLUNTEERS; INQUIRIES ABOUT MEXICAN AND OTHER CITIZENS ARE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

6. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE SATURDAY IN HOUSTON, MEXICAN SECRETARY OF TOURISM ANTONIO ENRIQUEZ SAVIGNAC URGED DONORS TO HALT DONATIONS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING IN FAVOR OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND CRANES TO MOVE DEBRIS FROM FALLEN BUILDINGS. ENRIQUEZ SAID THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S TOP PRIORITIES CONTINUED TO BE RESCUING VICTIMS TRAPPED IN COLLAPSED BUILDINGS, THEN DEMOLISHING THE BUILDINGS TO PREVENT FURTHER DANGER. ELECTRICAL POWER AND UTILITIES HAD BEEN RESTORED TO ABOUT 65 PERCENT OF NORMAL, BUT TELEPHONE SERVICE WOULD TAKE "WEEKS" TO RESTORE

COMPLETELY. ENRIQUEZ TRAVELLED TO HOUSTON TO OVERCOME COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS IN MEXICO CITY, AND PLANNED TO VISIT NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON TO DELIVER SIMILAR MESSAGES.

7. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD CONTINUE TO PLEDGE ASSISTANCE TO AID EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. JAPAN, FOR EXAMPLE, ANNOUNCED A DONATION OF US \$1.25 MILLION IN EMERGENCY AID, AND HAS SENT A MEDICAL TEAM TO HELP RELIEF EFFORTS.
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8. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED SATURDAY NIGHT THAT PRESIDENT DE LA MADRID WOULD NOT ATTEND THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OWING TO THE DISASTER.

9. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ

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